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In the Contents, page one, page numbers of series containing seasonally adjusted indicators are marked with asterisks.

Details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting these and other series are given in *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators 1977* which contains original and seasonally adjusted data in tabular and graphical form for one hundred and eleven selected series. The seasonally adjusted indicators included therein are up-dated in relevant monthly and quarterly publications of the ABS.

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POPULATION AND VITALS

30 June	POPULATION (^{'000} persons)								
	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
1972 (a)	4,738.9	3,593.0	1,913.9	1,202.6	1,072.6	393.5	98.8	158.5	13,171.7
1973 (a)	4,787.4	3,640.1	1,973.4	1,218.1	1,091.1	396.6	103.1	169.5	13,379.3
1974 (a)	4,835.4	3,684.5	2,036.8	1,236.3	1,118.2	399.9	106.7	180.4	13,598.4
1975 (a)	4,882.5	3,723.0	2,079.4	1,252.2	1,147.1	405.0	90.5	191.4	13,771.0
1976 (b)	4,914.3	3,746.0	2,111.7	1,261.6	1,169.8	407.4	101.4	203.3	13,915.5

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Population enumerated at Census 30 June 1976 after adjustment for under-enumeration as revealed by a special survey.

VITAL AND POPULATION STATISTICS, AUSTRALIA

Period	Marriage registrations	Birth registrations	Death registrations	Components of population growth			Population at end of period (^{'000})
				Natural increase (a)	Net migration (b)	Total increase (c) (^{'000})	
1973-74	113,115	243,658	110,179	133,479	82,926	219.1	(d)13,598.4
1974-75	107,056	239,794	114,501	125,293	44,675	172.6	(d)13,771.0
1975-76	103,919	231,135	110,610	120,525	21,229	140.7	(e)13,915.5
1975-76 -							
Sept. qtr	21,289	58,802	31,098	27,704	6,559	34.9	(d)13,806.0
Dec. qtr	27,572	56,827	26,481	30,346	12,106	43.1	(d)13,849.1
Mar. qtr	28,491	58,227	24,972	33,255	2,983	36.9	(d)13,886.0
June qtr	26,567	57,279	28,059	29,220	-419	29.5	(e)13,915.5
1976-77 -							
Sept. qtr	23,919	57,186	33,423	23,763	7,232	31.0	13,946.5
Dec. qtr	30,997	55,050	26,211	28,839	15,780	44.6	13,991.2
Mar. qtr	29,945	56,972	25,473	31,499	13,170	44.7	14,035.9

(a) Excess of births registered over deaths registered. (b) Excess of recorded overseas arrivals over recorded overseas departures excluding short term (less than one year) movement. Minus sign (-) denotes an excess of departures over arrivals. (c) Increase consists of natural increase, net overseas migration gain and an adjustment to make the series of increases agree with the total intercensal increase revealed by successive censuses. (d) Subject to revision. (e) See footnote (b) to table above.

NOTE. Population estimates have been provisionally revised to take into account under-enumeration of the 1971 and 1976 Censuses and a change of estimation method for net migration. Population growth due to net migration excludes the effect of overseas arrivals and departures classified as short term, i.e. trips lasting less than a year. Formerly account was taken of all arrivals and departures.

OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES (a)

Permanent movement – persons arriving with the stated intention of settling permanently in Australia, and Australian residents departing with the stated intention of residing permanently abroad.

Long-term movement – arrival of visitors and temporary departure of residents with the stated intention of staying (in Australia or abroad respectively) for twelve months or more and the departure of visitors and return of Australian residents who have stayed (in Australia or abroad respectively) for twelve months or more.

Short-term movement – all other overseas arrivals and departures.

These statistics exclude crew members, transit passengers passing through Australia who are not cleared for entry and passengers on short pleasure cruises commencing and finishing in Australia on ships not then engaged in regular voyages.

ARRIVALS										
Period	Permanent movement		Long-term movement		Short-term movement		Total arrivals		Excess of arrivals over departures	
	Settlers arriving	Australian residents returning	Overseas visitors arriving	Australian residents returning	Overseas visitors arriving		Number recorded	Seasonally adjusted		
					Number recorded	Seasonally adjusted				
1973-74	112,712	64,297	27,212	705,352	505,854	..	1,415,427	..	73,237	
1974-75	89,147	60,239	23,615	815,930	519,549	..	1,508,480	..	38,706	
1975-76	52,748	60,224	21,687	931,725	529,656	..	1,596,040	..	20,259	
1975-76 –										
Nov.	4,227	5,237	1,032	66,503	53,667	45,858	130,667	129,277	19,509	
Dec.	5,111	10,213	1,329	52,279	70,023	45,558	138,954	124,367	47,036	
Jan.	3,776	5,373	2,750	143,413	47,761	45,973	203,073	153,993	49,624	
Feb.	3,898	4,189	2,730	76,368	49,857	44,924	137,043	132,633	24,310	
Mar.	4,793	4,247	1,940	61,898	46,104	45,092	118,982	131,520	-23,494	
Apr.	3,791	3,490	1,618	55,942	37,275	41,621	102,116	124,830	-22,853	
May	4,678	4,189	1,894	80,586	37,621	42,627	128,968	139,153	-29,118	
June	3,720	3,617	1,794	60,999	30,073	43,338	100,203	125,572	-18,736	
1976-77 –										
July	4,599	4,721	1,644	70,647	35,121	42,988	116,732	133,861	675	
Aug.	4,750	5,128	1,892	88,277	44,134	44,191	144,181	140,078	-10,854	
Sept.	4,468	4,737	1,891	113,465	36,053	44,516	160,613	144,518	51,580	
Oct.	6,107	5,546	1,793	97,464	46,815	43,971	157,725	141,948	50,475	
Nov.	6,075	5,102	1,590	65,603	53,683	46,199	132,053	132,682	17,637	
Dec.	7,662	9,536	1,775	53,602	67,371	44,365	139,947	128,051	-49,765	
Jan.	6,205	5,846	3,545	155,433	48,605	45,794	219,634	163,203	56,940	
Feb.	6,583	4,133	3,640	70,739	48,393	45,806	133,487	134,080	30,681	
DEPARTURES										
Period	Permanent movement		Long-term movement		Short-term movement		Total departures		Excess of arrivals over departures	
	Former settlers departing	Other residents departing	Australian residents departing	Overseas visitors departing	Australian residents departing		Overseas visitors departing	Number recorded		Seasonally adjusted
					Number recorded	Seasonally adjusted				
1973-74	26,714	12,699	60,636	21,246	724,107	..	496,788	1,342,190	..	
1974-75	20,184	11,361	72,397	24,386	824,890	..	516,557	1,469,774	..	
1975-76	17,150	10,277	64,475	21,528	951,290	..	511,062	1,575,781	..	
1975-76 –										
Nov.	1,045	711	3,417	1,703	59,063	79,985	45,219	111,158	126,233	
Dec.	1,658	1,004	5,724	3,823	129,618	80,007	44,162	185,990	140,365	
Jan.	1,140	1,031	7,391	1,865	75,808	81,353	66,213	153,449	135,202	
Feb.	1,192	871	5,135	1,415	54,698	82,141	49,423	112,733	129,589	
Mar.	1,674	985	6,349	1,665	84,987	89,167	46,816	142,476	134,696	
Apr.	1,484	837	5,637	1,418	74,608	61,400	40,986	124,969	113,208	
May	1,803	947	6,728	1,770	103,854	86,315	42,984	158,086	138,714	
June	1,295	702	5,171	1,418	81,994	78,206	28,359	118,939	130,632	
1976-77 –										
July	1,379	785	5,555	1,371	77,006	83,037	29,962	116,057	135,224	
Aug.	1,456	803	6,001	1,647	103,609	81,024	41,518	155,035	139,359	
Sept.	1,161	676	4,495	1,269	62,877	84,095	38,556	109,033	135,659	
Oct.	1,333	705	4,215	1,286	60,692	86,040	39,020	107,250	129,730	
Nov.	1,266	650	5,122	1,989	58,819	82,290	46,571	114,416	129,585	
Dec.	1,632	926	6,729	3,518	134,847	81,717	42,060	189,712	143,030	
Jan.	1,228	987	8,705	1,874	81,163	87,111	68,737	162,694	141,191	
Feb.	827	635	5,017	1,099	47,722	75,114	47,507	102,807	121,689	

(a) Changes in definitions which date from 1 January 1974 are described in *Overseas Arrivals and Departures*, March 1974 (Reference No. 4.1).

Note: Minus sign (–) denotes excess of departures over arrivals.

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

CIVILIAN POPULATION 15 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER (a), BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Month	Employed (b)			Unemployed (b)		Total labour force (b)		Not in labour force (b) ('000)	Civilian population aged 15 and over (a) ('000)
	Agricul- ture ('000)	Other industries ('000)	Total ('000)	Number ('000)	Per cent of labour force (c) %	Number ('000)	Per cent of pop-ulation (d) %		
MALES									
1976 : Feb. (e)	294.8	3,509.4	3,804.2	159.5	4.0	3,963.6	81.4	908.5	4,872.1
May	284.2	3,543.9	3,828.1	132.4	3.3	3,960.5	81.0	930.1	4,890.6
Aug. (f)	282.4	3,485.0	3,767.4	146.2	3.7	3,913.6	80.0	978.6	4,892.2
Nov.	284.4	3,526.0	3,810.4	144.2	3.6	3,954.6	80.2	974.1	4,928.7
1977 : Feb.	288.6	3,552.0	3,840.6	173.6	4.3	4,014.2	81.0	944.2	4,958.4
May	290.2	3,534.3	3,824.6	170.3	4.3	3,994.9	80.6	963.6	4,958.4
MARRIED WOMEN									
1976 : Feb. (e)	60.1	1,226.9	1,287.0	68.7	5.1	1,355.7	41.5	1,912.3	3,268.0
May	57.1	1,230.7	1,287.8	50.9	3.8	1,338.8	41.0	1,924.4	3,263.2
Aug. (f)	62.4	1,216.2	1,278.6	51.9	3.9	1,330.5	40.7	1,942.3	3,272.8
Nov.	58.4	1,251.1	1,309.5	42.2	3.1	1,351.7	41.0	1,942.6	3,294.3
1977 : Feb.	60.7	1,246.9	1,307.7	67.6	4.9	1,375.2	41.4	1,944.5	3,319.7
May	63.4	1,265.9	1,329.4	61.2	4.4	1,390.6	41.9	1,925.0	3,315.6
ALL FEMALES									
1976 : Feb. (e)	71.7	1,934.8	2,006.5	145.0	6.7	2,151.5	43.3	2,814.8	4,966.3
May	67.8	1,944.7	2,012.5	115.1	5.4	2,127.6	42.7	2,851.2	4,978.8
Aug. (f)	72.2	1,908.0	1,980.2	118.0	5.6	2,098.2	42.0	2,897.9	4,996.1
Nov.	67.1	1,952.1	2,019.2	110.4	5.2	2,129.6	42.2	2,912.2	5,041.7
1977 : Feb.	73.0	1,959.6	2,032.7	161.1	7.3	2,193.8	43.2	2,880.8	5,074.6
May	75.2	1,986.0	2,061.2	143.4	6.5	2,204.6	43.4	2,876.7	5,081.3
PERSONS									
1976 : Feb. (e)	366.5	5,444.2	5,810.6	304.5	5.0	6,115.1	62.2	3,723.3	9,838.4
May	352.0	5,488.6	5,840.6	247.6	4.1	6,088.1	61.7	3,781.3	9,869.4
Aug. (f)	354.6	5,393.0	5,747.6	264.1	4.4	6,011.8	60.8	3,876.5	9,888.3
Nov.	351.5	5,478.1	5,829.6	254.6	4.2	6,084.2	61.0	3,886.2	9,970.4
1977 : Feb.	361.6	5,511.6	5,873.2	334.8	5.4	6,208.0	61.9	3,825.0	10,033.0
May	365.4	5,520.3	5,885.7	313.7	5.1	6,199.5	61.8	3,802.0	10,039.7

(a) The estimates relate to all persons aged 15 years and over, except members of the permanent armed forces and certain diplomatic personnel customarily excluded from census and estimated populations. (b) For definitions see explanatory notes given in the most recent issue of *The Labour Force* (Reference No. 6.20). (c) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group. (d) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group (labour force participation rate). (e) Survey deferred by one week. See page 4, paragraph 23 of the November 1976 issue of *The Labour Force* (Reference No. 6.20). (f) Affected by industrial disputes.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES : AUSTRALIA (a) ('000)

(Excluding defence forces and employees in agriculture and private domestic service)

Month	Total civilian employees						Private/Government (b)		
	Males		Females		Persons		Private		Government
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original
1973 - June	(c)2,985.2	(c)2,980.5	1,617.7	1,615.9	(c)4,602.9	(c)4,596.4	(c)3,439.0	(c)3,438.2	1,163.8
1974 - June	3,068.2	3,061.5	1,738.3	1,735.1	4,806.5	4,796.6	3,602.7	3,600.2	1,203.8
1975 - June	(c)3,043.5	(c)3,035.1	1,709.2	1,704.1	(c)4,752.7	(c)4,739.2	3,315.7	(c)3,310.4	1,438.9
1975-76 -									
Mar.	3,011.2	3,003.1	1,737.0	1,732.0	4,748.2	4,735.1	3,321.2	3,314.9	1,427.0
Apr.	3,010.3	3,005.2	1,735.8	1,731.2	4,746.0	4,736.4	3,317.1	3,315.8	1,428.9
May	3,011.0	2,998.2	1,735.1	1,729.6	4,746.1	4,727.8	3,315.6	3,308.6	1,430.5
June	3,006.2	2,996.7	1,732.9	1,727.1	4,739.1	4,723.8	3,305.8	3,299.5	1,433.2
1976-77 -									
July	3,000.4	3,000.6	1,733.6	1,730.5	4,734.0	4,731.1	3,299.3	3,303.3	1,434.7
Aug.	2,992.5	2,998.9	1,732.9	1,733.0	4,725.4	4,731.0	3,293.0	3,300.6	1,432.5
Sept.	2,990.2	2,997.5	1,737.7	1,735.8	4,728.0	4,733.3	3,294.7	3,297.8	1,433.3
Oct.	2,987.6	2,994.3	1,744.6	1,739.4	4,732.1	4,733.7	3,299.5	3,295.4	1,433.6
Nov.	(c)2,990.5	(c)2,992.5	1,753.0	1,743.4	(c)4,743.5	(c)4,735.9	(c)3,307.6	(c)3,292.9	1,435.9
Dec.	2,985.0	2,989.7	1,737.8	1,744.2	4,722.9	4,733.9	3,296.1	3,293.8	1,426.8
Jan.	2,981.5	2,993.3	1,722.5	1,753.2	4,704.0	4,746.5	3,275.3	3,298.4	1,428.7
Feb.	2,991.2	2,990.3	1,741.1	1,745.9	4,732.3	4,736.2	3,284.6	3,290.4	1,447.7
Mar.	2,994.7	2,986.9	1,749.7	1,744.8	4,744.4	4,731.7	3,288.9	3,282.8	1,455.5
Apr.	2,987.7	2,982.5	1,750.9	1,746.1	4,738.6	4,728.6	3,278.9	3,277.2	1,458.9
May	2,983.2	2,970.0	1,749.3	1,743.6	4,732.5	4,713.6	3,270.3	3,262.9	1,462.3

(a) The estimates are based on benchmarks derived from the results of the 1971 population census and other relevant sources. For the period subsequent to the census the employment data are obtained from three main sources, namely (i) current payroll tax returns, (ii) current returns from Government bodies, and (iii) some other current returns of employment (e.g. for hospitals); the balance, i.e. unrecorded private employment, is estimated. Month-to-month changes shown by current returns are linked with the benchmark data to derive the monthly estimates. At June 1977 recorded employment obtained from the foregoing sources accounted for about 90 per cent of the total number of employees in the industries covered, as determined by the census. The estimates shown are based on the Australian Standard Industrial Classification. For further details on these series see *Employment and Unemployment* (Reference No. 6.4) published monthly. (b) Estimates for private and government have been revised back to June 1975 following the reclassification to government of certain hospitals and marketing bodies previously classified to private. For further details see February 1977 issue of *Employment and Unemployment* (Reference No. 6.4). (c) Affected by industrial disputes.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES, AUSTRALIA : INDUSTRY (a) ('000)

(Excluding defence forces and employees in agriculture and private domestic service)

Month	Manu- facturing	Con- struction	Whole- sale and retail trade	Trans- port and storage	Finance, insurance, real estate and business services	Public admin- istration and defence (b)	Com- munity services	Entertain- ment, recreation, restaurants, hotels and personal services (c)	Other Indus- tries (d)	Total
MALES										
1973 - June	(e)940.1	381.5	536.6	211.2	193.2	138.0	241.0	100.2	243.4	(e)2,985.2
1974 - June	960.5	385.7	552.8	218.4	202.8	143.0	252.5	105.1	247.4	3,068.2
1975 - June	895.8	(e)393.3	549.1	218.8	198.3	154.0	268.7	110.9	254.6	(e)3,043.5
1975-76 -										
Mar.	895.8	355.2	555.4	215.2	197.9	152.9	277.5	111.9	249.3	3,011.2
Apr.	892.8	354.7	556.7	215.2	197.9	152.9	278.3	112.3	249.4	3,010.3
May	891.8	354.1	558.9	215.3	197.4	153.0	279.1	111.9	249.5	3,011.0
June	888.7	352.7	558.3	214.6	197.3	153.3	280.1	111.3	249.9	3,006.2
1976-77 -										
July	886.9	351.3	556.4	214.9	197.2	153.2	280.1	110.8	249.7	3,000.4
Aug.	883.4	348.0	556.6	213.9	196.6	152.9	280.4	110.8	250.0	2,992.5
Sept.	882.6	346.8	556.8	213.5	196.6	152.6	281.2	110.8	249.4	2,990.2
Oct.	882.6	345.1	557.0	213.1	196.1	152.1	281.3	111.2	249.1	2,987.6
Nov.	(e)879.9	345.4	559.4	214.8	196.5	152.0	281.7	111.7	249.0	(e)2,990.5
Dec.	876.2	342.1	560.3	215.8	196.4	151.9	280.6	112.0	249.7	2,985.0
Jan.	875.9	340.6	557.4	214.6	196.8	151.8	282.5	111.6	250.2	2,981.5
Feb.	878.7	343.1	557.9	213.8	197.5	152.1	287.0	111.1	250.0	2,991.2
Mar.	878.6	343.4	558.1	213.1	198.0	152.4	288.9	111.7	250.4	2,994.7
Apr.	874.2	342.8	556.7	212.5	197.2	152.5	290.3	110.9	250.6	2,987.7
May	870.5	342.1	555.7	212.2	197.5	152.9	290.6	111.0	250.7	2,983.2
FEMALES										
1973 - June	347.3	17.9	388.7	33.9	171.9	67.9	397.4	150.3	42.4	1,617.7
1974 - June	370.9	19.1	416.3	36.9	185.0	76.0	428.4	160.5	45.1	1,738.3
1975 - June	309.0	18.2	406.7	36.7	181.2	89.5	458.7	163.6	45.7	1,709.2
1975-76 -										
Mar.	317.3	18.2	409.6	36.3	182.9	90.5	474.2	163.2	44.9	1,737.0
Apr.	313.5	18.2	410.1	36.3	182.7	90.0	476.8	163.0	45.2	1,735.8
May	311.4	18.3	411.0	36.3	182.6	89.9	478.1	162.5	45.0	1,735.1
June	308.2	18.2	410.1	36.2	183.0	90.2	480.9	161.0	45.2	1,732.9
1976-77 -										
July	306.0	18.4	410.4	36.3	183.3	91.6	482.2	160.2	45.1	1,733.6
Aug.	303.9	18.2	410.8	36.4	183.7	91.6	482.7	160.4	45.2	1,732.9
Sept.	304.1	18.3	411.3	36.3	184.6	91.7	484.6	161.7	45.1	1,737.7
Oct.	304.7	18.4	414.7	36.4	185.0	91.2	486.0	163.0	45.2	1,744.6
Nov.	304.5	18.4	419.2	36.8	185.6	91.9	488.0	163.7	45.1	1,753.0
Dec.	300.4	18.3	420.1	37.0	185.7	90.8	477.5	162.4	45.6	1,737.8
Jan.	296.7	18.2	410.1	36.7	186.0	90.6	477.4	161.2	45.7	1,723.5
Feb.	298.4	18.2	411.2	36.5	187.1	91.7	492.3	160.6	45.1	1,741.1
Mar.	298.9	18.2	412.2	36.6	187.8	92.5	497.1	161.2	45.0	1,749.7
Apr.	295.0	18.1	414.4	36.8	187.6	92.8	499.7	161.3	45.1	1,750.9
May	291.9	18.1	413.7	37.0	188.0	93.4	500.4	161.5	45.3	1,749.3
PERSONS										
1973 - June	(e)1,287.4	399.4	925.4	245.1	365.1	205.9	638.3	250.4	285.9	(e)4,602.9
1974 - June	1,331.4	404.7	969.2	255.3	387.9	219.0	681.0	265.7	292.4	4,806.5
1975 - June	1,204.8	(e)411.5	955.7	255.5	379.5	243.5	727.4	274.5	300.3	(e)4,752.7
1975-76 -										
Mar.	1,213.1	373.4	965.0	251.5	380.8	243.5	751.7	275.1	294.2	4,748.2
Apr.	1,206.3	372.9	966.8	251.6	380.7	242.9	755.1	275.3	294.5	4,746.0
May	1,203.2	372.3	969.8	251.6	380.0	242.9	757.2	274.5	294.5	4,746.1
June	1,196.9	370.9	968.4	250.8	380.3	243.5	761.0	272.3	295.0	4,739.1
1976-77 -										
July	1,192.9	369.7	966.8	251.2	380.5	244.8	762.3	271.0	294.8	4,734.0
Aug.	1,187.3	366.2	967.4	250.3	380.3	244.5	763.0	271.2	295.2	4,725.4
Sept.	1,186.7	365.2	968.1	249.8	381.1	244.3	765.8	272.6	294.5	4,728.0
Oct.	1,187.3	363.5	971.7	249.6	381.0	243.3	767.3	274.2	294.2	4,732.1
Nov.	(e)1,184.4	363.8	978.6	251.5	382.1	243.9	769.8	275.4	294.1	(e)4,743.5
Dec.	1,176.7	360.4	980.3	252.8	382.1	242.7	758.1	274.4	295.3	4,722.9
Jan.	1,172.5	358.8	967.4	251.3	382.8	242.4	760.0	272.9	295.9	4,704.0
Feb.	1,177.1	361.3	969.1	250.4	384.5	243.8	779.3	271.7	295.1	4,732.3
Mar.	1,177.5	361.6	970.3	249.7	385.9	244.9	786.0	272.9	295.5	4,744.4
Apr.	1,169.2	360.9	971.2	249.3	384.9	245.3	790.0	272.2	295.8	4,738.6
May	1,162.3	360.2	969.4	249.2	385.5	246.4	791.0	272.4	296.1	4,732.5

(a) See footnote (a) on page 4. (b) Excludes permanent defence forces. (c) Excludes private households employing staff. (d) Includes forestry, fishing and hunting; mining; electricity, gas and water; and communication. (e) Affected by industrial disputes.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES: STATES (a) ('000)

(Excluding defence forces and employees in agriculture and private domestic service)

Month	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.(b)	Australia
MALES									
1973 - June	(c)1,104.5	(c)819.9	398.9	270.5	233.8	87.9	25.1	44.8	(c)2,985.2
1974 - June	1,123.7	842.9	415.2	278.4	243.0	89.6	26.8	48.5	3,068.2
1975 - June	1,102.3	(c)832.9	414.4	278.3	247.9	90.7	24.5	52.4	(c)3,043.5
1975-76 -									
Mar.	1,081.8	830.6	407.3	277.0	248.5	89.1	24.6	52.3	3,011.2
Apr.	1,079.5	830.2	409.1	277.5	248.8	89.0	24.4	51.8	3,010.3
May	1,079.0	829.4	410.3	278.4	249.0	88.5	24.7	51.7	3,011.0
June	1,076.5	827.7	410.6	278.5	248.4	88.2	24.9	51.4	3,006.2
1976-77 -									
July	1,073.1	825.3	411.8	277.7	248.4	88.5	24.8	50.8	3,000.4
Aug.	1,070.5	822.9	410.2	277.5	247.6	88.3	24.8	50.6	2,992.5
Sept.	1,068.5	822.7	409.7	277.3	248.7	88.1	24.7	50.5	2,990.2
Oct.	1,065.8	822.4	409.5	277.6	249.0	88.2	24.6	50.4	2,987.6
Nov.	(c)1,065.5	823.9	407.9	279.0	250.8	88.6	24.4	50.5	(c)2,990.5
Dec.	1,064.0	825.7	403.4	278.7	250.4	89.2	23.8	49.9	2,985.0
Jan.	1,062.8	826.0	401.9	277.8	250.6	88.8	23.6	50.0	2,981.5
Feb.	1,064.7	827.8	404.8	278.2	252.9	89.1	23.6	50.1	2,991.2
Mar.	1,065.3	827.6	405.6	278.9	254.2	89.5	23.4	50.3	2,994.7
Apr.	1,062.6	822.7	407.0	277.3	255.1	89.4	23.4	50.2	2,987.7
May	1,060.8	821.2	407.3	276.8	254.2	89.2	23.6	50.3	2,983.2
FEMALES									
1973 - June	604.0	470.5	194.2	145.9	123.1	41.3	11.5	27.3	1,617.7
1974 - June	643.9	502.2	210.0	161.0	132.3	44.1	13.3	31.5	1,738.3
1975 - June	625.2	487.3	210.3	159.5	133.1	46.6	11.7	35.4	1,709.2
1975-76 -									
Mar.	625.7	500.4	214.8	165.1	136.4	47.1	12.2	35.5	1,737.0
Apr.	624.8	498.7	216.0	165.3	136.3	46.9	12.3	35.3	1,735.8
May	623.9	497.0	216.3	166.0	137.1	47.0	12.4	35.4	1,735.1
June	623.3	495.1	216.1	166.5	136.7	46.8	12.6	35.8	1,732.9
1976-77 -									
July	623.0	495.3	216.9	166.0	137.2	47.1	12.6	35.4	1,733.6
Aug.	623.1	493.4	217.1	166.2	137.7	47.2	12.8	35.4	1,732.9
Sept.	624.3	494.9	217.4	166.7	139.2	47.3	12.6	35.3	1,737.7
Oct.	626.1	496.7	217.7	168.5	140.2	47.7	12.7	35.1	1,744.6
Nov.	629.0	498.4	217.9	170.4	141.5	47.9	12.6	35.3	1,753.0
Dec.	622.4	498.8	216.1	166.5	138.2	48.3	12.5	34.9	1,737.8
Jan.	613.8	494.9	215.7	164.6	138.2	48.0	12.7	35.1	1,749.7
Feb.	622.4	497.0	216.1	167.9	141.7	48.2	12.5	34.8	1,722.5
Mar.	624.7	498.4	216.6	170.3	142.7	48.6	12.8	35.6	1,749.7
Apr.	625.2	498.0	216.8	170.0	143.5	48.7	12.9	35.8	1,750.9
May	624.2	497.6	217.4	169.3	143.3	48.6	13.1	35.9	1,749.3
PERSONS									
1973 - June	(c)1,708.5	(c)1,290.3	593.1	416.3	356.8	129.2	36.6	72.0	(c)4,602.9
1974 - June	1,767.7	1,345.2	625.3	439.4	375.3	133.7	40.1	80.0	4,806.5
1975 - June	1,727.5	(c)1,320.3	624.6	437.8	381.0	137.3	36.2	87.9	(c)4,752.7
1975-76 -									
Mar.	1,707.5	1,331.0	622.1	442.1	384.9	136.2	36.8	87.8	4,748.2
Apr.	1,704.2	1,328.9	625.1	442.8	385.1	135.9	36.7	87.2	4,746.0
May	1,702.9	1,326.3	626.6	444.5	386.0	135.5	37.1	87.1	4,746.1
June	1,699.8	1,322.8	626.7	445.0	385.2	135.0	37.5	87.1	4,739.1
1976-77 -									
July	1,696.1	1,320.5	628.7	443.8	385.6	135.6	37.4	86.3	4,734.0
Aug.	1,693.6	1,316.3	627.3	443.8	385.4	135.5	37.5	86.1	4,725.4
Sept.	1,692.8	1,317.7	627.1	444.0	387.9	135.4	37.4	85.8	4,728.0
Oct.	1,691.9	1,319.1	627.2	446.1	389.2	135.9	37.2	85.5	4,732.1
Nov.	(c)1,694.5	1,322.3	625.7	449.4	392.2	136.5	37.1	85.8	(c)4,743.5
Dec.	1,686.4	1,324.5	619.5	445.2	388.6	137.5	36.2	84.9	4,722.9
Jan.	1,676.6	1,320.8	617.6	442.3	388.8	136.8	36.2	84.7	4,704.0
Feb.	1,687.1	1,324.8	620.9	446.1	394.6	137.4	36.2	85.3	4,732.3
Mar.	1,690.0	1,326.0	622.3	449.1	396.9	138.1	36.2	85.9	4,744.4
Apr.	1,687.8	1,320.7	623.9	447.3	398.6	138.1	36.3	86.0	4,738.6
May	1,684.9	1,318.7	624.7	446.0	397.5	137.8	36.7	86.1	4,732.5

(a) See footnote (a) on page 4. (b) Includes persons employed in the Australian Capital Territory who reside in adjoining areas. (c) Affected by industrial disputes.

REGISTERED UNEMPLOYED (a)

(Source: Department of Employment and Industrial Relations)

Month (b)	N.S.W. (c)	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	Australia		
								Males	Females	Persons
1973 - June	27,003	22,219	10,636	8,599	8,461	3,718	740	51,627	29,749	81,376
1974 - June	28,957	21,258	9,537	7,128	7,782	3,310	855	47,478	31,349	78,827
1975 - June	94,595	70,360	37,491	19,119	17,003	6,190	1,217	154,536	91,439	245,975
1975-76 -										
Apr.	109,016	65,763	43,064	19,382	20,046	8,439	2,293	172,342	95,661	268,003
May	105,331	66,443	39,404	17,278	19,964	8,651	1,834	168,118	90,787	258,905
June	111,127	66,118	38,586	17,593	21,103	8,986	1,738	172,988	92,263	265,251
1976-77 -										
July	115,997	64,868	38,346	18,346	21,419	9,243	2,067	179,116	91,170	270,286
Aug.	116,997	62,397	37,525	18,685	20,925	9,207	2,150	179,254	88,632	267,886
Sept.	117,599	60,585	36,800	18,675	19,507	9,127	2,012	177,911	86,394	264,305
Oct.	115,662	60,878	36,446	19,037	18,962	8,901	2,104	175,926	86,064	261,990
Nov.	119,197	64,435	39,978	19,647	18,734	8,542	1,985	181,969	90,549	272,518
Dec.	138,779	78,266	49,202	25,070	23,978	10,198	2,041	218,807	108,727	327,534
Jan.	150,669	82,633	55,147	26,658	26,335	10,695	2,452	235,912	118,677	354,589
Feb.	150,453	77,263	54,697	25,856	25,506	10,044	2,849	224,044	122,624	346,668
Mar.	141,790	72,721	51,195	24,484	24,170	8,685	3,504	208,315	118,234	326,549
Apr.	139,911	73,223	49,484	25,516	23,451	7,975	3,629	208,791	114,398	323,189
May	138,869	72,838	48,474	25,917	23,524	8,116	3,445	208,937	112,246	321,183
June	140,957	77,613	48,582	27,590	25,573	8,786	3,692	217,642	115,151	332,793

(a) Persons who claimed, when registering with the Commonwealth Employment Service, that they were not employed and who were recorded as unemployed. Includes those referred to employers and those who may have obtained employment without notifying the C.E.S. Includes also persons receiving unemployment benefit. (b) Generally at Friday nearest end of month. (c) Includes the Australian Capital Territory.

VACANCIES REGISTERED WITH COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE (a)

(Source: Department of Employment and Industrial Relations)

Month (b)	N.S.W. (c)	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	Australia					
								Adults		Juniors (d)		Total	
								Seasonally Original	Seasonally adjusted	Seasonally Original	Seasonally adjusted	Seasonally Original	Seasonally adjusted
1973 - June	21,532	16,522	6,986	4,362	3,302	1,014	790	43,174	46,735	11,334	17,625	54,508	64,360
1974 - June	23,160	23,561	6,180	4,231	3,302	1,078	668	48,128	51,428	14,052	22,101	62,180	73,529
1975 - June	8,984	7,868	2,484	2,381	2,346	823	631	21,622	23,024	3,895	6,185	25,517	29,209
1975-76 -													
Apr.	6,581	7,999	1,739	1,933	1,877	1,083	447	18,424	17,865	3,235	4,297	21,659	22,162
May	6,398	7,654	1,763	1,913	1,766	944	471	17,985	17,576	2,924	4,120	20,909	21,696
June	5,950	7,187	1,605	1,749	1,626	654	423	16,735	17,670	2,459	3,934	19,194	21,604
1976-77 -													
July	5,936	7,018	1,834	1,688	1,588	649	440	16,434	17,883	2,719	4,284	19,153	22,167
Aug.	6,795	7,205	1,958	2,034	1,795	707	469	17,842	18,442	3,121	4,621	20,963	23,063
Sept.	8,171	8,130	1,985	1,919	1,936	780	447	19,066	18,945	4,302	5,564	23,368	24,409
Oct.	8,629	8,135	2,137	1,956	2,147	891	491	18,728	18,456	5,658	5,966	24,386	24,422
Nov.	10,129	7,735	1,950	1,917	2,238	1,013	517	17,533	18,784	7,966	5,816	25,499	24,600
Dec.	12,719	7,022	1,778	1,658	2,014	891	462	15,239	18,407	11,305	6,196	26,544	24,603
Jan.	11,267	10,584	2,001	1,996	3,125	1,081	334	20,428	18,246	9,960	6,286	30,388	24,532
Feb.	10,446	9,907	1,966	2,051	3,007	1,252	241	20,885	18,407	7,985	6,546	28,870	24,953
Mar.	7,609	8,145	1,906	1,678	2,616	1,293	221	18,491	17,360	4,977	5,883	23,468	23,243
Apr.	6,742	7,534	1,929	1,310	2,295	922	276	16,632	16,094	4,376	5,813	21,008	21,907
May	6,771	6,977	1,791	1,165	1,995	918	277	15,959	15,536	3,935	5,542	19,894	21,078
June	6,405	6,816	1,911	1,063	1,760	947	227	15,332	16,156	3,797	6,086	19,129	22,242

(a) Vacancies which employers claimed were available immediately or would be available by the end of the following calendar month. (b) At Friday nearest end of month. (c) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (d) Juniors comprise all persons under 21 years of age, including school leavers.

Note: Sample surveys have been conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics in March each year since 1974 to obtain information on the level and composition of job vacancies. For a number of reasons the estimates obtained from these surveys differed substantially from the numbers of vacancies registered with the C.E.S. at those dates. For example, the survey estimate of total vacancies at March 1976 was 50,800, while the C.E.S. figure was 22,976. Results of the surveys and reasons why the survey estimates differ from C.E.S. statistics were published in *Job Vacancies, March 1976* (Reference No. 6.49).

PERSONS ON UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS
(Source : Department of Social Security)

Date	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Qld	S.A. (c)	W.A.	Tas.	Australia		
							Males	Females	Persons
1975 June 28	57,599	45,624	27,682	14,393	11,011	4,439	108,024	52,724	160,748
1976 July 2	83,361	43,638	26,494	13,148	14,554	7,228	129,788	58,635	188,423
1977 July 1	111,703	n.a.	33,592	23,494	18,942	7,078	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1975-76 -									
May 21	80,636	42,311	26,866	12,178	13,795	6,611	124,009	58,388	182,397
1976-77 -									
July 2	83,361	43,638	26,494	13,148	14,554	7,228	129,788	58,635	188,423
July 30	89,266	43,665	27,438	13,739	15,448	7,603	137,644	59,515	197,159
Aug. 27	92,335	42,896	26,624	14,155	15,029	7,609	134,674	63,974	198,648
Sept. 24	92,499	40,901	26,000	14,689	14,264	7,511	139,201	56,663	195,864
Oct. 22	91,168	41,202	25,459	14,858	14,228	7,210	137,682	56,443	194,125
Nov. 19	90,670	41,089	25,272	15,154	13,628	7,053	136,957	55,909	192,866
Dec. 31	99,446	45,212	30,629	17,811	15,548	7,009	153,661	61,994	215,655
Jan. 28	104,943	48,137	33,572	18,346	17,020	7,397	165,210	64,205	229,415
Feb. 25	112,702	49,002	37,022	20,816	18,349	7,501	169,684	75,708	245,392
Mar. 25	111,456	45,840	36,086	19,619	16,456	6,926	159,692	76,691	236,383
Apr. 22	108,018	43,583	34,274	19,391	n.a.	6,575	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
May 20	110,492	n.a.	34,350	n.a.	16,489	6,554	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1977-78 -									
July 1	111,703	n.a.	33,592	23,494	18,942	7,078	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

PERSONS ON SICKNESS AND SPECIAL BENEFITS: AUSTRALIA
(Source : Department of Social Security)

Date (a)	Sickness	Special	
		Ordinary	Migrant (d)
June			
1974	22,036	5,164	80
1975	25,478	5,552	49
1976 July 2	30,468	7,224	209
1975-76 -			
Feb.	27,637	6,934	95
Mar. 26	30,130	7,211	83
Apr. 23	29,992	6,797	110
May. 21	31,828	7,380	264
1976-77 -			
July 2	30,468	7,224	209
July 30	31,696	7,160	148
Aug. 27	32,863	7,444	169
Sept. 24	32,302	7,494	85
Oct. 22	33,585	7,780	64
Nov. 19	33,762	7,814	60
Dec. 31	30,417	7,435	44
Jan. 28	31,728	8,247	72
Feb. 25	32,180	8,136	156
Mar. 25	32,836	8,521	244

(a) At Saturday nearest end of month until February 1976. The introduction of fortnightly payments in March 1976 has altered the basis of collection of numbers on benefit to four or six weeks accounting periods. Figures now show numbers on benefit at the dates indicated. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory. (d) In Australian Government centres or hostels awaiting their first placement in employment in Australia.

INTERNAL TRADE

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES (a) (\$ million)

Retail sales figures in the table below relate principally to sales to the final consumer of new and used goods for personal and household purposes. The series covers retail sales by all establishments included in the Australian Standard Industrial Classification subdivision 48 except motor establishments, bread and milk vendors, footwear repairers and household electrical appliance repairers. The following establishments are also included: cafes and restaurants, licensed hotels, motels and wine saloons, licensed clubs and hairdressers. The quarterly estimates are obtained from a survey based on the 1973-74 Census of Retail Establishments. Figures for monthly estimates up to March 1976 were obtained from a survey based on the 1968-69 Census of Retail Establishments. Estimates from the month of April 1976 are obtained from a survey based on the 1973-74 Census of Retail Establishments. All estimates from the sample based on the 1973-74 Census have been revised on the basis of information which came available from the 1976 Census of New Businesses. The seasonally adjusted series have been further revised following the annual re-analysis of data. For further explanation see *Retail Sales of Goods* (Reference No. 11.4) December quarter 1976.

Period	Commodity groups												Total (excl. motor vehicles, etc.)
	Groceries (b)	Butchers' meat	Other food (c)	Beer, wine and spirits	Clothing and drapery	Footwear	Hardware (d)	Electrical goods (e)	Furniture	Chemists' goods	News-papers, books and stationery	Other goods (f)	
ORIGINAL													
1974-75	2,647.7	1,040.8	1,633.4	2,075.5	2,589.7	395.6	652.9	1,360.1	925.4	893.7	587.3	1,413.2	16,215.3
1975-76	3,145.8	1,107.3	1,844.8	2,525.4	2,897.1	448.9	758.4	1,724.2	1,067.5	1,043.8	679.0	1,640.2	18,882.4
1975-76 -													
Dec. qtr	824.0	282.4	475.5	688.9	822.0	123.9	246.8	497.1	296.4	290.2	185.8	495.6	5,228.6
Mar. qtr	772.8	272.2	464.7	649.7	604.4	99.9	169.1	385.2	238.7	250.6	176.6	380.1	4,464.0
June qtr	818.7	284.8	479.0	632.1	804.5	121.7	178.4	442.8	270.8	262.1	165.2	393.5	4,853.6
1976-77 -													
Sept. qtr	866.4	301.9	488.2	650.3	753.9	115.2	179.3	476.7	294.7	270.3	172.9	412.6	4,982.4
Dec. qtr	978.5	322.8	549.8	782.8	921.5	137.7	275.0	577.4	337.7	317.5	212.4	566.2	5,979.3
Mar. qtr	897.6	306.2	519.5	715.9	677.9	112.2	186.2	422.5	264.7	262.4	202.4	418.1	4,985.6
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED													
1975-76 -													
Dec. qtr	775.4	278.3	452.2	620.9	715.0	111.0	189.0	418.6	265.9	257.6	168.1	404.5	4,669.3
Mar. qtr	796.0	280.3	467.9	637.7	723.9	114.8	189.8	423.9	270.5	265.5	171.4	415.1	4,750.2
June qtr	833.0	281.8	489.1	672.5	756.6	116.1	196.7	459.6	277.3	273.1	176.5	428.1	4,958.2
1976-77 -													
Sept. qtr	871.7	297.2	496.6	691.5	777.8	118.1	196.5	496.8	284.1	277.3	185.2	433.5	5,120.8
Dec. qtr	919.2	317.4	518.4	706.3	804.8	123.6	210.5	491.4	303.8	279.3	190.5	461.8	5,329.5
Mar. qtr	936.7	320.9	531.0	709.8	819.8	129.7	212.0	470.4	302.6	282.7	199.9	462.2	5,375.8
MONTHLY ESTIMATES													
Period	Total (excluding motor vehicles, etc.)				Period	Total (excluding motor vehicles, etc.)							
	Original	Seasonally adjusted		Original		Seasonally adjusted							
1975-76 -					1976-77 -								
Apr.	1,674.6	1,599.6	1,708.8	1,632.2	Nov.	1,828.5	1,765.1						
May		1,659.6		1,650.8	Dec.	2,424.0	1,806.2						
June		1,594.4		1,675.4	Jan.	1,631.9	1,766.3						
1976-77 -					Feb.	1,592.8	1,805.5						
July		1,662.3		1,691.7	Mar.	1,760.9	1,815.5						
Aug.		1,641.8		1,709.4	Apr. p	1,754.0	1,802.0						
Sept.		1,678.3		1,729.0	May p	1,878.0	1,868.0						
Oct.		1,726.8		1,719.9	June p	1,799.0	1,876.0						

(a) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. Series based on 1973-74 Retail Census. (b) Includes bacon, butter, etc. (c) Includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, etc., but excludes some delivered milk and bread. (d) Excludes basic building materials, builders' hardware and supplies such as tools of trade, paint, etc. (e) Includes radios, television and accessories, musical instruments, domestic refrigerators, etc. (f) Includes tobacco, cigarettes, etc., sporting goods, etc., but excludes grain and produce and business machines.

Note: Figures from September quarter 1975 are subject to revision when more precise information is available relating to trading by new businesses.

INSTALMENT CREDIT FOR RETAIL SALES (\$ million)

The following statistics cover all types of schemes which relate primarily to the financing of retail sales of consumer goods and in which repayment is made by regular predetermined instalments. Types of schemes covered include hire purchase, time payment, budget account and personal loans relating to financing of retail sales of goods.

Period	Amount financed during period (excluding hiring charges, interest, insurance, etc.)			Cash collections and other liquidations of balances during period	Balances outstanding at end of period (including hiring charge, etc.)
	Motor vehicles, etc	Household and personal goods	Total		
FINANCE COMPANIES					
1975-76 : Apr.	98.3	26.0	124.2		
May	98.0	28.3	126.4	132.2	2,185.7
June	104.0	28.4	132.4	139.3	2,210.0
				145.0	2,255.2
1976-77 : July	100.2	30.5	130.7	150.9	2,297.7
Aug.	98.0	26.7	124.7	148.8	2,329.0
Sept.	101.3	26.9	128.2	149.6	2,362.6
Oct.	98.7	32.0	130.7	146.9	2,401.2
Nov.	102.6	33.1	135.8	155.7	2,438.4
Dec.	107.6	37.1	144.7	147.9	2,491.7
Jan.	91.2	20.0	111.2	134.1	2,520.9
Feb.	96.1	22.3	118.4	154.9	2,541.6
Mar.	109.1	26.0	135.1	177.2	2,555.1
Apr.	92.7	25.6	118.3	146.4	2,578.7
May	105.9	30.0	135.9	169.0	2,603.8
States, May 1977 -					
N.S.W.	33.1	14.4	47.6	58.6	907.5
Vic.	24.0	6.1	30.2	37.9	567.7
Qld	16.7	4.8	21.5	27.0	453.9
S.A.	11.2	1.1	12.3	17.3	266.5
W.A.	12.1	2.3	14.3	16.6	247.9
Tas.	5.0	0.5	5.5	7.7	95.1
N.T.	1.1	0.1	1.2	(b)	(b)
A.C.T.	2.7	0.6	3.3	3.9	65.3
OTHER BUSINESSES					
1975-76 : Apr.	0.6	20.0	20.6		
May	0.5	20.7	21.3	22.3	171.8
June	0.7	20.5	21.1	22.2	172.5
				22.7	172.2
1976-77 : July	0.6	22.6	23.2	24.0	174.0
Aug.	0.6	20.7	21.3	23.9	173.6
Sept.	0.6	20.2	20.8	23.8	172.3
Oct.	0.6	21.7	22.3	22.9	173.6
Nov.	0.6	22.4	23.0	23.4	175.3
Dec.	0.7	29.3	30.0	23.7	183.9
Jan.	0.2	16.5	16.7	22.0	180.5
Feb.	0.1	18.3	18.4	23.2	177.5
Mar.	0.1	21.0	21.1	24.4	176.1
Apr.	0.1	19.3	19.4	21.9	175.2
May	0.1	21.4	21.5	23.1	175.9
States, May 1977 -					
N.S.W.	..	5.5	5.5	6.6	58.0
Vic.	..	7.7	7.7	7.6	53.6
Qld	..	2.3	2.3	2.4	15.9
S.A.	..	3.2	3.2	3.6	28.7
W.A.	0.1	2.3	2.3	2.2	15.2
Tas.	..	0.5	0.5	0.6	4.2
N.T.	..	..	..	(b)	(b)
A.C.T.	..	..	..	0.1	0.4
ALL BUSINESSES					
1975-76 : Apr.	98.8	46.0	144.8	154.5	2,357.5
May	98.6	49.1	147.6	161.5	2,382.5
June	104.6	48.9	153.6	167.8	2,427.4
1976-77 : July	100.8	53.1	153.9	174.9	2,471.7
Aug.	98.6	47.4	146.0	172.6	2,502.5
Sept.	101.9	47.0	149.0	173.4	2,535.0
Oct.	99.3	53.8	153.1	169.7	2,574.8
Nov.	103.2	55.5	158.8	179.1	2,613.6
Dec.	108.2	66.4	174.7	171.7	2,675.6
Jan.	91.5	36.5	127.9	156.1	2,701.4
Feb.	96.2	40.6	136.8	178.1	2,719.1
Mar.	109.2	47.0	156.2	201.6	2,731.2
Apr.	92.8	44.9	137.6	168.3	2,753.9
May	106.0	51.4	157.4	192.1	2,779.7
States, May 1977 -					
N.S.W.	33.1	19.9	53.1	65.2	965.5
Vic.	24.0	13.8	37.8	45.6	621.2
Qld	16.7	7.1	23.7	29.5	469.8
S.A.	11.2	4.3	15.5	20.9	295.2
W.A.	12.1	4.5	16.7	18.7	263.1
Tas.	5.0	1.0	6.0	8.2	99.2
N.T.	1.1	0.1	1.2	(b)	(b)
A.C.T.	2.7	0.7	3.4	4.0	65.7

(a) Includes Northern Territory. (b) Not available separately for publication: included in South Australia.

OVERSEAS TRADE

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASS
(\$ million)

Producers' materials for use in																		
Manufacturing																		
	Building and construction		Rural industries		Motor vehicle assembly (a) (b)		Other (c)		Total (c)		Fuels and lubricants (d)		Auxiliary aids to production (e)		Munitions and war stores			
Period	Class I.A		Class I.B		Class I.C(5)		Class I.C(1-4)		Class I.		Class II.		Class III.		Class VII.			
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%		
1973-74	253.5	4.2	70.7	1.2	289.1	4.8	2,027.6	33.6	2,640.9	43.8	123.7	2.1	119.9	2.0	152.0	2.5		
1974-75	239.0	3.0	115.2	1.4	413.5	5.2	2,511.7	31.6	3,279.4	41.2	234.3	2.9	156.2	2.0	47.3	0.6		
1975-76	249.4	3.1	87.2	1.1	515.1	6.3	2,441.6	29.9	3,293.4	40.4	282.6	3.5	156.1	1.9	68.5	0.8		
1975-76 -																		
Apr.	19.5	3.0	5.4	0.8	42.9	6.6	194.5	30.1	262.3	40.6	19.1	3.0	12.9	2.0	2.9	0.4		
May	25.1	3.4	5.8	0.8	48.8	6.6	233.6	31.5	313.4	42.3	25.7	3.5	14.8	2.0	3.8	0.5		
June	25.6	3.3	7.1	0.9	55.7	7.2	221.6	28.6	310.0	40.0	28.2	3.6	14.7	1.9	5.9	0.8		
1976-77 (f) p -																		
July	21.9	2.7	5.8	0.7	57.3	7.2	275.9	34.3	360.8	44.9	40.7	5.1	9.1	1.1	5.1	0.6		
Aug.	26.6	3.1	6.5	0.8	64.3	7.6	260.1	30.6	357.5	42.1	18.1	2.1	6.7	0.8	5.9	0.7		
Sept.	24.9	3.3	9.0	1.2	46.3	6.2	241.6	32.4	321.8	43.2	17.7	2.4	6.3	0.8	4.8	0.6		
Oct.	25.1	3.3	6.8	0.9	42.2	5.6	235.8	31.2	309.9	41.0	18.6	2.5	6.0	0.8	4.0	0.5		
Nov.	30.7	3.5	5.1	0.6	50.5	5.8	270.0	31.0	356.3	40.9	23.3	2.7	7.6	0.9	9.8	1.1		
Dec.	29.9	3.9	4.8	0.6	44.5	5.8	217.5	28.4	296.7	38.7	21.6	2.8	6.9	0.9	11.3	1.5		
Jan.	32.6	3.7	8.5	1.0	48.2	5.5	256.0	29.1	345.3	39.3	32.2	3.7	6.4	0.7	10.8	1.2		
Feb.	27.4	3.0	14.5	1.6	56.8	6.2	166.7	29.3	365.5	40.2	39.0	4.3	8.4	0.9	5.7	0.6		
Mar.	34.3	3.5	6.0	0.6	54.3	5.6	277.8	28.6	372.4	38.4	39.6	4.1	7.5	0.8	10.2	1.1		
Apr.	29.9	3.4	7.0	0.8	56.0	6.4	268.9	30.6	361.9	41.1	37.3	4.2	6.7	0.8	6.4	0.7		
May	27.1	2.8	11.4	1.2	61.5	6.4	321.6	33.2	421.5	43.5	23.5	2.4	7.6	0.8	11.7	1.2		
Capital equipment																		
Transport equipment																		
Finished consumer goods																		
Total imports																		
	Producers' equipment		Complete road vehicles and assembled chassis (g)		Railway equipment, vessels and civil aircraft Class		Food, beverages and tobacco Class		Clothing and accessories		All other (h)		Total (h)		Total imports of merchandise		Seasonally adjusted (i)	
	Class IV.		Class V.B		V.A.C.D		V.I.A.B.C		Class VI.D		Class VI.E-J		Class VI.		Original			
Period	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
1973-74	1,097.0	18.2	330.0	5.5	113.3	1.9	232.7	3.9	172.0	2.9	1,045.6	17.3	1,450.3	24.1	6,027	6,085	..	
1974-75	1,674.8	21.0	526.5	6.6	144.4	1.8	280.5	3.5	233.0	2.9	1,384.2	17.4	1,897.7	23.8	7,961	8,080	..	
1975-76	1,685.4	20.7	502.9	6.2	114.1	1.4	287.7	3.5	243.2	3.0	1,524.0	18.7	2,054.8	25.2	8,158	8,240	..	
1975-76 -																		
Apr.	132.3	20.5	46.2	7.2	6.7	1.0	22.9	3.5	21.5	3.3	119.8	18.5	164.2	25.4	646.5	653	698	
May	148.9	20.1	46.5	6.3	9.4	1.3	24.7	3.3	20.0	2.7	134.6	18.2	179.3	24.2	741.7	747	737	
June	166.3	21.4	60.9	7.9	11.3	1.5	28.5	3.7	17.0	2.2	133.1	17.2	178.7	23.0	775.9	781	804	
1976-77 (f) p -																		
July	152.7	19.0	44.9	5.6	11.5	1.4	28.3	3.5	21.7	2.7	129.0	16.0	179.0	22.3	804.0	810	790	
Aug.	170.7	20.1	57.2	6.7	8.6	1.0	34.0	4.0	27.6	3.2	163.7	19.3	225.3	26.5	850.1	855	819	
Sept.	139.9	18.8	43.0	5.8	7.2	1.0	30.1	4.0	24.5	3.3	149.4	20.1	203.9	27.4	744.7	750	740	
Oct.	148.6	19.7	52.9	7.0	11.9	1.6	31.5	4.2	19.0	2.5	154.0	20.3	204.5	27.0	756.4	761	782	
Nov.	165.9	19.1	62.0	7.1	15.1	1.7	38.2	4.4	20.4	2.3	172.3	19.8	230.9	26.5	870.9	879	868	
Dec.	146.2	19.1	61.4	8.0	16.5	2.2	41.0	5.4	21.5	2.8	143.1	18.7	205.7	26.8	766.4	778	804	
Jan.	194.0	22.1	58.9	6.7	8.6	1.0	32.3	3.7	33.9	3.9	156.2	17.8	222.3	25.3	878.6	884	936	
Feb.	183.8	20.2	56.1	6.2	8.3	0.9	45.5	5.0	42.5	4.7	155.2	17.1	243.1	26.7	909.8	917	986	
Mar.	200.3	20.7	74.5	7.7	14.0	1.4	41.0	4.2	36.4	3.8	174.0	17.9	251.4	25.9	970.1	975	998	
Apr.	186.0	21.1	62.6	7.1	8.0	0.9	40.9	4.7	20.3	2.3	150.1	17.1	211.3	24.0	880.3	886	1,012	
May	199.7	20.6	63.0	6.5	13.5	1.4	41.0	4.2	18.1	1.9	168.5	17.4	227.6	23.5	968.1	976	952	

(a) Owing to insufficient information it is not possible to treat unassembled tractors and other machinery in a similar manner to motor vehicles and all such machinery is treated as capital equipment whether imported in an assembled or unassembled condition. (b) Includes replacement parts, completely knocked down vehicles and components for the assembly of motor vehicles. (c) Excludes a percentage of piece-goods to be sold by retail, and paper to be used solely for wrapping, which are recorded in Classes VI.E - J and VII, respectively. (d) Excludes crude petroleum which is included in Class I.C(1-4). (e) Includes a percentage of paper used solely for wrapping, see note (c). (f) Figures from July 1976 are not comparable with previous months because of the change in the basis of valuation of imports to the internationally recognised Brussels Definition of Value. (g) Completely knocked-down vehicle components for the assembly of motor vehicles and replacement parts are recorded in Class I.C(5). (h) Includes a percentage of piece-goods to be sold by retail, see note (c) above. (i) Seasonally adjusted figures for 1976-77 are derived from the estimated values of total imports on the old basis of valuation.

EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES
(\$ million)

Period	Meats	Dairy produce	Wheat and flour	Dried, fresh and preserved fruit	Sugar	Coal, coke and briquettes	Ores and concentrates	
							Non-ferrous	Iron
1973-74	795.2	145.1	539.2	104.7	223.3	352.3	307.5	498.7
1974-75	443.8	157.4	1,078.6	91.2	644.6	733.4	421.8	706.5
1975-76	667.9	189.5	961.5	96.1	569.9	1,069.8	526.6	771.0
1975-76 -								
Apr.	61.0	12.1	105.5	7.2	44.6	96.2	49.8	67.2
May	67.3	10.2	69.6	12.7	63.6	76.4	43.9	64.9
June	69.9	16.0	77.0	13.2	43.1	135.1	58.0	73.7
1976-77 p -								
July	64.8	20.3	76.7	9.5	78.6	99.9	69.3	77.0
Aug.	77.3	15.4	106.4	8.8	69.9	94.1	40.7	81.1
Sept.	69.9	15.0	73.3	7.8	87.0	98.8	53.0	72.3
Oct.	65.2	15.5	74.8	10.4	71.9	93.2	50.3	78.6
Nov.	64.9	14.8	83.1	7.4	72.9	129.5	61.8	71.3
Dec.	50.4	13.5	47.5	4.0	41.8	91.9	51.4	58.5
Jan.	66.4	15.7	68.9	4.5	42.0	133.0	46.1	84.9
Feb.	60.9	14.0	68.6	3.6	28.2	88.6	45.0	97.4
Mar.	76.9	19.4	50.2	6.7	31.9	93.2	41.2	62.9
Apr.	63.3	12.9	85.7	9.0	46.0	132.8	57.3	69.2
May	87.4	17.1	79.6	14.1	39.0	118.4	57.4	80.4

Period	Road motor vehicles	Wool		Total exports of merchandise	Total exports	
		Original	Seasonally adjusted		Original	Seasonally adjusted
1973-74	176.9	1,156.6	--	6,758.2	6,914	--
1974-75	136.7	753.5	--	8,540.6	8,726	--
1975-76	95.1	961.9	--	9,399.7	9,640	--
1975-76 -						
Apr.	7.0	55.1	54.6	887.8	897	899
May	7.2	70.2	72.5	786.8	805	789
June	13.1	116.0	107.6	968.7	981	947
1976-77 p -						
July	8.7	114.7	107.2	974.2	1,000	1,010
Aug.	9.6	112.7	115.5	967.9	986	974
Sept.	7.0	111.1	156.7	976.5	1,000	951
Oct.	7.4	105.4	137.9	899.8	914	873
Nov.	7.2	135.6	154.1	990.1	1,000	1,032
Dec.	6.4	137.7	134.3	847.3	860	861
Jan.	5.6	156.1	129.7	972.8	981	1,033
Feb.	4.6	142.4	122.5	898.4	908	961
Mar.	8.2	136.9	119.7	934.2	948	998
Apr.	9.0	122.4	130.2	994.7	1,006	1,023
May	8.8	109.3	105.0	1,005.2	1,015	985

PRICES AND WAGES

EXPORT PRICE INDEX NUMBERS (Base : Year 1959-60 = 100)

Figures since June 1969 have been compiled on a basis which incorporates a re-weighting (on a 1969-70 basis) of the items contained in the previous series and the inclusion of some additional items.

Period	Wool	Meats	Dairy produce	Cereals	Dried and canned fruits	Sugar	Hides and tallow	Metals and coal (a)	Gold	All groups (b)
1973-74	172	201	109	184	152	176	161	196	289	160
1974-75	121	132	127	256	176	378	141	263	391	181
1975-76	127	150	122	240	162	335	151	286	359	187
1975-76 -										
Feb.	130	158	123	241	168	326	156	283	334	187
Mar.	134	162	123	250	157	337	160	286	341	192
Apr.	(c) 134	166	117	238	154	342	164	297	333	192
May	137	167	116	241	152	324	181	302	330	193
June	140	169	116	243	151	333	177	307	331	197
1976-77 -										
July	(c) 140	156	114	235	154	341	175	316	317	195
Aug.	144	149	114	225	154	322	178	309	272	192
Sept.	147	147	119	224	154	316	185	307	289	192
Oct.	157	144	122	223	152	310	187	305	303	194
Nov.	154	144	122	220	153	300	186	308	330	194
Dec.	180	167	130	219	171	310	194	345	414	213
Jan.	182	174	132	219	167	299	201	338	395	212
Feb.	178	180	133	216	189	304	207	339	409	213
Mar.	174	183	135	209	188	317	214	346	434	213
Apr.	171	196	135	216	240	317	219	350	437	218

(a) Comprises coal, iron and steel, copper, zinc, lead and silver. Does not include iron ore, bauxite, alumina and mineral sands, which however have been included in the "All groups" INDEX FROM July 1969 on. (b) As from 1969-70 "All groups" includes the following items, in addition to the specified groups: iron ore, bauxite, alumina and mineral sands. (c) Nominal.

INDEX OF VALUE OF EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE AT CONSTANT PRICES (Base : Year 1966-67 = 100)

Period	Food and live animals				Wool and sheep-skins	Metal-iferous ores and metal scrap	Metal manufactures, machinery, transport equipment	Other exports	All exports of merchandise	
	Meat and meat preparations	Cereal grains and cereal preparations	Other (dairy produce, fruit, sugar, etc.)	Total					Original	Seasonally adjusted
Value weight % (a)	9.5	15.8	12.5	37.8	29.7	5.6	14.2	12.7	100.0	..
1973-74	158	93	112	116	77	553	186	268	158	..
1974-75	136	140	102	127	75	597	201	271	167	..
1975-76	181	140	114	142	94	567	184	276	174	..
1975-76 -										
Dec. qtr	169	133	123	139	78	569	190	268	169	170
Mar. qtr	177	133	92	130	119	561	165	265	173	174
June qtr	192	173	121	160	85	595	191	290	183	181
1976-77 p -										
Sept. qtr	224	164	155	176	115	650	206	312	191	190
Dec. qtr	191	122	142	146	118	584	198	300	189	191
Mar. qtr	181	151	110	145	116	541	177	280	180	182

INDEX OF VALUE OF IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE AT CONSTANT PRICES (Base : Year 1966-67 = 100)

Period	Food, beverages and tobacco	Fuels	Basic materials	Chemicals (incl. plastics)	Textiles, fabrics, etc.	Metal manufactures, machinery, transport equipment	Other imports	All imports of merchandise	
								Original	Seasonally adjusted
Value weight % (a)	5.2	8.2	7.4	9.9	8.0	43.3	18.0	100.0	..
1973-74	156	67	152	176	208	165	212	169	..
1974-75	151	63	110	167	138	188	217	170	..
1975-76	150	60	113	137	188	162	211	158	..
1975-76 -									
Dec. qtr	151	63	109	131	215	156	199	155	150
Mar. qtr	156	63	119	139	189	157	223	159	165
June qtr	144	57	115	162	187	169	213	163	169
1976-77 p -									
Sept. qtr	165	79	113	164	199	171	240	173	165
Dec. qtr	188	53	128	165	205	177	246	177	172
Mar. qtr	181	71	110	160	186	185	239	177	185

(a) Weighting pattern as at 1966-67. These percentages may be used in analysing the contribution of each group to movements in the total index.

PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING

A detailed description of the index is contained in *Labour Report* No. 58, 1973. The separate city indexes shown below measure price movements within each city individually. They do not compare price levels as between cities.

ALL GROUPS INDEX NUMBERS - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES (Base: Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

Period	State capital cities						Weighted average of six State capital cities
	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	
1974-75	176.0	180.6	186.6	181.0	176.7	179.3	179.2
1975-76	199.0	209.4	216.3	210.4	208.3	210.4	206.2
1976-77 p	221.5	234.8	241.2	234.3	235.4	234.8	230.3
1975-76 -							
May	211.2	222.2	228.9	223.7	221.8	222.1	218.8
June	212.2	224.3	231.0	225.3	223.9	223.9	220.4
1976-77 -							
July	213.4	225.4	232.9	226.9	225.3	225.5	221.7
Aug.	214.0	227.1	234.0	228.1	226.6	227.8	222.8
Sept.	214.8	228.5	235.0	228.7	227.9	229.2	223.9
Oct.	215.9	229.8	236.1	229.5	230.2	230.3	225.1
Nov.	218.0	231.2	238.4	230.9	232.0	231.7	226.9
Dec.	220.0	234.1	240.7	233.3	234.3	234.6	229.3
Jan.	221.9	235.5	241.9	234.8	235.8	235.4	230.8
Feb.	225.0	237.9	244.2	237.0	237.7	237.3	233.4
Mar.	227.1	239.5	246.0	238.5	242.2	239.1	235.5
Apr.	228.8	242.5	247.8	240.9	243.7	241.2	237.6
May p	228.7	242.4	247.9	241.1	244.1	241.9	237.6
June p	230.0	243.8	249.3	242.2	245.0	243.4	238.9

GROUP INDEX NUMBERS - WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES (Base: Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

Period	Concrete mix cement, sand, etc.	Cement products	Bricks, stone, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel and iron products	Aluminium products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures	Miscellaneous materials	Electrical installation materials (b)	Mechanical services components	All groups
Value weight (%)	10.41	3.64	5.28	11.90	30.58	6.01	2.59	1.19	7.09	8.61	12.70	100.00
1974-75	164.6	183.9	179.4	194.7	189.2	169.2	162.7	197.7	163.4	157.4	181.3	179.2
1975-76	193.0	220.0	202.7	219.3	223.4	193.6	173.3	232.1	186.8	177.4	201.3	206.2
1976-77 p	215.6	244.7	224.0	243.6	251.7	213.7	195.0	251.2	204.2	199.6	225.4	230.3
1975-76 -												
May	204.5	233.0	213.9	229.5	239.9	203.5	189.5	245.3	195.5	191.8	209.9	218.8
June	204.7	237.6	215.5	231.0	242.0	204.9	190.0	245.6	196.1	192.4	211.8	220.4
1976-77 -												
July	206.9	238.2	216.4	232.9	242.7	206.0	196.4	246.0	196.8	195.0	212.8	221.7
Aug.	208.7	238.4	217.9	234.1	243.6	205.9	195.4	247.2	197.2	194.4	216.1	222.8
Sept.	211.0	238.9	219.8	236.1	244.3	209.0	193.6	250.9	199.1	193.1	216.6	223.9
Oct.	211.5	241.7	222.4	236.9	246.1	210.0	187.5	252.4	200.9	191.4	219.3	225.1
Nov.	214.4	243.6	222.4	237.7	250.1	210.7	183.6	252.2	202.1	191.3	220.3	226.9
Dec.	214.2	244.6	223.3	239.7	252.0	212.3	190.3	251.7	203.0	195.7	226.6	229.3
Jan.	217.3	245.2	224.8	243.1	252.7	212.9	192.8	251.2	203.8	198.6	227.3	230.8
Feb.	220.4	246.2	225.8	248.6	254.2	216.1	198.2	251.7	205.2	202.7	229.4	233.4
Mar.	220.5	247.6	227.8	251.2	256.1	218.2	201.2	252.3	209.2	206.6	231.1	235.5
Apr.	220.4	249.5	229.2	253.5	258.7	220.6	203.2	252.8	210.5	209.9	233.9	237.6
May p	220.2	249.8	226.8	253.6	259.3	220.7	199.5	252.8	210.7	208.1	235.1	237.6
June p	222.0	252.6	230.9	255.2	260.6	221.5	197.8	253.1	211.8	207.9	236.2	238.9

(a) Figures are shown to one decimal place to avoid distortions that would occur in rounding off the index numbers to the nearest whole number. (b) The Price Index of Electrical Installation Materials is used as the indicator for this group.

PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN HOUSE BUILDING

A detailed description of the index is contained in *Labour Report* No. 58, 1973. The separate city indexes shown below measure price movements within each city individually. They do not compare price levels as between cities.

ALL GROUPS INDEX NUMBERS - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES
(Base: Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

Period	State capital cities						Weighted average of six State capital cities
	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	
1974-75	189.4	178.4	187.0	195.4	172.4	179.1	183.4
1975-76	211.1	200.1	218.5	222.5	201.9	209.2	208.1
1976-77 p	234.5	223.6	243.5	250.7	229.8	235.1	232.9
1975-76 -							
May	221.7	210.7	230.5	237.6	214.1	221.0	219.5
June	224.2	212.6	233.6	238.3	217.0	223.4	221.9
1976-77 -							
July	225.3	214.8	234.8	241.4	218.2	224.4	223.4
Aug.	225.8	216.2	235.4	243.2	220.6	229.2	224.7
Sept.	226.6	218.3	237.0	243.9	223.3	230.2	226.3
Oct.	228.1	218.8	237.8	245.3	225.7	230.9	227.5
Nov.	230.2	219.4	240.3	246.4	226.7	231.7	228.9
Dec.	231.9	221.7	241.0	247.7	227.4	234.0	230.5
Jan.	236.1	224.7	242.0	250.1	229.1	235.4	233.5
Feb.	240.0	227.2	248.4	254.5	230.9	239.1	236.8
Mar.	242.0	228.4	249.7	256.2	237.3	239.8	239.2
Apr.	242.6	230.6	251.2	259.5	237.7	240.8	240.6
May p	241.2	230.6	251.3	260.0	238.5	241.2	240.3
June p	244.3	231.9	253.3	260.4	241.9	244.1	242.6

GROUP INDEX NUMBERS - WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES
(Base: Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

Period	Concrete mix cement and sand	Cement products	Clay bricks, tiles, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures etc.	Electrical installation materials	Installed appliances	Plaster and plaster products	Miscellaneous materials	All groups
Value weight (%)	5.73	8.10	12.85	36.16	5.86	7.20	3.74	1.63	5.13	5.64	7.96	100.00
1974-75	165.7	193.1	180.3	203.5	192.1	170.3	174.5	168.3	146.4	147.8	161.5	183.4
1975-76	195.1	227.0	205.1	226.2	229.3	187.1	201.5	183.5	165.9	167.7	187.9	208.1
1976-77 p	217.8	258.9	227.8	254.1	263.2	207.9	224.3	201.8	181.9	178.8	210.7	232.9
1975-76 -												
May	206.6	240.5	216.8	237.1	247.2	197.8	213.7	194.0	175.7	173.8	199.3	219.5
June	207.3	244.9	219.4	240.0	250.7	198.7	216.1	200.8	176.5	175.4	200.0	221.9
1976-77 -												
July	209.6	247.8	219.6	241.9	251.7	202.2	216.4	201.3	177.5	175.5	200.8	223.4
Aug.	211.4	249.0	221.5	242.9	254.1	202.1	218.9	200.1	179.4	175.9	201.8	224.7
Sept.	213.5	249.7	224.5	244.7	254.6	203.2	221.2	198.1	179.7	176.1	204.4	226.3
Oct.	214.0	253.7	226.6	245.6	255.7	202.9	223.0	195.1	180.3	177.4	206.9	227.5
Nov.	216.7	256.7	227.0	247.1	261.7	202.5	223.3	194.0	180.5	177.7	207.7	228.9
Dec.	216.5	259.1	227.3	249.1	264.1	205.8	223.4	199.1	181.0	177.9	209.0	230.5
Jan.	219.0	260.6	228.2	254.7	264.9	208.7	223.3	200.9	182.3	178.0	210.3	233.5
Feb.	222.2	263.3	229.4	260.6	267.2	210.9	227.2	203.5	183.4	180.8	211.2	236.8
Mar.	222.1	265.0	231.7	263.5	269.4	212.5	228.1	204.6	184.1	181.2	217.8	239.2
Apr.	222.4	265.5	233.0	265.5	270.6	215.0	228.4	208.9	184.4	181.3	219.0	240.6
May p	222.3	265.6	230.0	265.9	271.0	214.3	228.5	208.0	184.8	181.3	218.9	240.3
June p	223.8	269.9	234.9	267.9	273.6	215.2	229.3	208.0	185.8	182.2	220.4	242.6

(a) Figures are shown to one decimal place to avoid distortions that would occur in rounding off the index numbers to the nearest whole number.

PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY (a) GROUP INDEX NUMBERS

A detailed description of the index is contained in the initial bulletin (Reference No. 9.13) of 4 July 1975.

(Base : Year 1968-69 = 100.0)(b)

Manufactured materials (imported)(c)										
Period	Chemicals	Metal manu- factures components for trans- port equip- ment and machinery	Other manu- factured materials (c)	Other materials (imported and home produced)(d)			Total imported materials	Total home produced materials	All groups	
				Food, live animals and tobacco	Crude materials (excl. fuels)	Electricity gas and fuels				
Value weight (%)	6.67	5.21	5.76	45.87	20.66	15.83	27.16	72.84	100.00	
1973-74	96.3	118.6	106.1	145.9	140.7	126.2	127.1	137.6	134.7	
1974-75	141.9	148.7	137.4	132.4	149.3	179.5	181.5	131.6	145.1	
1975-76	149.4	179.6	148.4	132.5	162.6	229.0	202.9	141.9	158.5	
1975-76 -										
Feb.	151.1	185.1	148.3	134.3	162.2	238.4	206.6	144.1	161.1	
Mar.	150.6	185.9	149.7	133.7	165.1	238.1	207.6	144.3	161.5	
Apr.	150.7	186.6	150.7	131.2	170.2	238.8	209.3	143.8	161.6	
May	150.7	188.3	151.3	132.8	174.7	239.5	210.4	146.0	163.5	
June	151.6	189.8	151.9	138.1	177.6	240.7	212.0	150.1	166.9	
1976-77 -										
July	151.6	192.0	152.9	142.4	183.0	241.0	212.0	154.7	170.2	
Aug.	152.7	192.4	153.7	150.4	180.9	239.9	213.3	158.5	173.4	
Sept.	152.0	194.5	154.0	153.1	178.3	239.6	213.9	159.3	174.1	
Oct.	151.5	192.4	154.8	151.6	181.0	241.0	214.4	159.1	174.1	
Nov.	151.3	194.8	154.6	144.4	179.6	241.2	215.4	154.0	170.7	
Dec.	164.9	211.9	162.1	146.6	193.4	252.5	233.1	158.2	178.6	
Jan.	164.3	221.4	169.5	151.6	194.5	258.2	239.7	161.6	182.8	
Feb.	165.6	224.5	171.6	154.7	196.5	269.0	247.7	164.1	186.8	
Mar. p	167.6	226.9	174.2	160.9	198.1	268.0	251.0	167.6	190.2	
Apr. p	166.6	227.1	175.9	165.1	199.4	267.0	251.6	170.1	192.3	

(a) The index is on a net basis and relates in concept only to materials that enter Australian manufacturing industry from other sectors of the Australian economy or from overseas. (b) Figures are shown to one decimal place to avoid distortion that would occur in rounding the index numbers to the nearest whole number. (c) Excluding the manufactured imported crude materials listed in footnote (d). (d) Includes imported fuel oil and the following manufactured imported crude materials: synthetic rubber, hardwood, softwood, woodpulp, synthetic fibre, vegetable oils.

PRICE INDEXES OF ARTICLES PRODUCED BY MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY (a) DIVISION AND SUB-DIVISION INDEX NUMBERS

A detailed description of the indexes is contained in the initial bulletin (Reference No. 9.14) of 26 October 1976

(Base : Year 1968-69 = 100.0)(d)

Period	Selected net sub-division indexes (b)							
	All Manufacturing Industry Index (c)	Total (21-22)	Food, beverages and tobacco	Excluding meat and abattoirs by-products, and raw sugar	Clothing and footwear (24)	Wood, wood products and furniture (25)	Glass, clay and other non-metallic mineral products (26)	Other industrial machinery and equipment and household appliances (33)
1973-74	134.6	142.8	129.5	136.7	148.8	129.6	142.3	124.9
1974-75	158.1	153.0	151.7	161.3	190.0	158.3	183.2	151.2
1975-76	177.8	163.5	168.5	185.3	219.9	183.2	217.1	175.8
1975-76 -								
Mar.	181.8	167.1	171.8	192.0	224.8	187.9	226.2	179.5
Apr.	184.0	168.7	173.0	192.4	229.0	189.4	228.7	181.9
May	185.6	168.1	173.8	194.7	234.1	193.2	231.1	183.6
June	186.8	168.0	175.0	196.0	235.2	195.0	233.7	187.0
1976-77 -								
July	188.1	170.7	176.6	198.0	237.2	195.8	235.2	188.0
Aug.	189.7	173.0	178.1	204.0	237.3	196.8	236.4	188.7
Sept.	190.5	174.2	178.7	205.0	237.4	198.0	237.5	190.8
Oct.	191.5	175.1	180.5	205.3	240.0	199.4	240.5	191.8
Nov.	192.9	175.3	181.5	206.2	244.0	201.3	243.0	192.2
Dec.	195.6	178.6	183.0	206.2	245.2	201.8	245.4	194.6
Jan.	198.0	180.7	184.9	207.1	248.7	203.0	246.1	195.6
Feb.	200.4	183.6	187.6	210.5	251.6	205.9	248.0	196.3
Mar.	202.4	186.1	189.1	212.5	252.0	206.3	249.5	199.3
Apr. p	204.0	187.5	191.1	213.3	254.0	207.4	251.4	200.2
May p	204.3	187.5	191.9	213.9	256.6	207.4	251.8	200.6

(a) For a full description of Division C, 'Manufacturing' and the selected sub-divisions see Australian Standard Industrial Classification (ASIC), Preliminary Edition, 1969. (b) Indexes for the remaining sub-divisions of Manufacturing Division are in process of development. The index is on a 'net sub-division' basis; see paragraphs 3 and 6. ASIC sub-division codes are shown in brackets at the head of the columns. (c) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division; see paragraphs 3 and 5. (d) Figures are shown to one decimal place to avoid distortions that would occur in rounding the index numbers to the nearest whole number.

PRICE INDEX OF METALLIC MATERIALS USED IN THE MANUFACTURE OF FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS

A detailed description of the index is contained in Labour Report No. 58, 1973
GROUP INDEX NUMBERS (Base of each index: Year 1968-69 = 100.0) (a)

Period	Iron and Steel	Aluminium	Copper and brass	Other metallic materials	All groups
Value weight (%)	83.2%	8.9%	5.7%	2.2%	100.0%
1974-75	161.1	141.9	131.1	192.4	158.4
1975-76	200.2	158.0	137.5	207.8	193.1
1976-77 p	227.8	176.9	158.1	231.2	219.4
1975-76					
May	217.8	166.1	155.2	216.1	209.6
June	218.4	166.1	153.7	231.0	210.4
1976-77					
July	219.6	169.0	162.2	229.7	212.0
Aug.	219.6	169.2	158.3	209.2	211.4
Sept.	219.7	174.3	158.3	203.3	211.6
Oct.	226.4	175.6	149.8	206.6	217.1
Nov.	229.6	175.9	143.9	215.6	219.6
Dec.	230.0	175.9	158.5	241.3	221.2
Jan.	230.0	174.8	158.4	237.1	221.2
Feb.	230.4	174.8	162.9	243.3	221.9
Mar.	231.8	182.6	165.1	254.5	224.1
Apr.	231.9	182.6	166.1	251.7	224.2
May	231.9	183.5	161.0	251.9	224.0
June p	232.4	184.5	158.2	230.0	223.9

(a) Figures are published to one decimal place to avoid distortions that would occur in rounding off the index numbers to the nearest whole number.

CONSUMER (RETAIL) PRICE INDEXES, VARIOUS COUNTRIES

(Base of each index: Year 1970 = 100.0)

(Source: Monthly Bulletin of Statistics of the Statistical Office of the United Nations)

The index numbers show fluctuations in prices in each country and do not measure relative price levels as between countries.

The items priced and the levels at which they are priced in these indexes vary widely according to the intended purposes of the indexes of the various countries. A short dash on each side of an index number (e.g. -107.6-) indicates that the two series have been linked at that period.

Period	Australia (a)	Belgium (b)	Brazil (Sao Paulo) (c)	Canada	France	Federal Republic of Germany	India	Indonesia (Jakarta)	Italy	Japan (d)	Netherlands
1974	141.5	132.6	144.3	128.6	136.3	127.1	165.2	204.8	146.3	154.1	137.3
1975	162.8	149.5	187.9	142.5	152.2	134.7	174.5	243.8	171.1	172.4	151.3
1976	184.9	163.2	254.3	153.2	166.9	140.8	160.9	292.2	199.8	188.4	164.6
1975 -											
Dec. qtr	171.6	155.4	206.5	147.9	157.3	136.7	169.7	261.7	177.6	177.8	156.4
1976 -											
Mar. qtr	176.7	158.6	225.9	149.8	161.1	139.0	158.3	277.5	185.0	182.0	159.1
June qtr	181.2	161.9	245.0	152.1	164.8	141.1	157.6	285.9	196.7	187.7	164.3
Sept. qtr	185.2	164.9	263.3	154.3	168.6	141.2	162.5	299.4	202.2	189.8	165.5
Dec. qtr	196.3	167.6	282.9	156.6	172.9	142.0	165.9	306.1	215.1	194.5	169.6
1977 -											
Mar. qtr	200.7	170.9		159.9	175.6	144.6				198.9	170.8
Period	New Zealand	Norway	Pakistan (Karachi) (e)	Philippines (Manila)	Singapore (f)	South Africa (g)	Sweden	Switzerland	United Kingdom	United States of America	Malaysia (Peninsular) (h)
1974	141.8	133.9-	164.0	214.7	122.3	138.1	133.5	135.7	148.4	127.0	136.0
1975	162.6	149.5	198.2	234.6	125.5	156.7	146.6	144.8	184.4	138.6	142.2
1976	190.2	163.2	212.4		123.1	174.1	161.7	147.3	214.9	146.6	145.9
1975 -											
Dec. qtr	172.2	154.4	205.7	238.1	125.0	163.1	152.2	146.4	197.3	142.3	142.4
1976 -											
Mar. qtr	179.8	158.0	205.3	247.3	124.9	166.7	156.6	147.1	204.4	143.7	144.5
June qtr	187.8	162.4	208.6		122.7	172.0	160.5	146.8	211.9	145.5	144.9
Sept. qtr	193.7	165.6	213.5		122.2	177.1	162.8	147.3	216.8	147.8	146.4
Dec. qtr	199.1	166.7	222.3		122.6	180.8	166.8	147.9	226.8	149.4	147.6
1977 -											
Mar. qtr	204.3	172.1			125.4	185.8	171.2	148.5	238.2	152.1	

(a) Consumer Price Index converted to base: 1970 = 100.0 (b) Rent is not included. (c) Beginning 1972, base: 1972 = 100.0. (d) Excluding Okinawa prefecture. (e) Prior to 1972: Karachi only; industrial workers. Beginning 1972, base: 1971 = 100.0. (f) Beginning 1974, new series, base: 1973 = 100.0. (g) White population. (h) Formerly known as West Malaysia.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index has been compiled for periods from September quarter 1948. The composition of groups and the group structure of the index has been altered with the introduction of the ninth Consumer Price Index series from December quarter 1976. A brief description of the latest link is contained in the Appendix to the December quarter 1976 *Consumer Price Index* bulletin (Reference No. 9.1).

GROUP INDEX NUMBERS
WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES
(Base of each index: Year 1966-67 = 100.0 unless otherwise noted) (a)

Period	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transport- ation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care (b)	Recreation (c)	All groups
1973-74	149.5	143.0	157.8	129.6	144.9	145.2	149.0	..	146.6
1974-75	164.0	173.0	187.4	153.8	173.0	170.4	186.5	..	171.1
1975-76	180.2	201.0	221.1	178.3	203.8	211.1	151.6	..	193.3
1976-77	201.2	232.5	251.8	196.3	221.9	229.8	265.8	104.1	220.0
1975-76 -									
Dec. qtr	176.9	200.0	218.4	178.4	203.0	216.1	144.3	..	191.7
Mar. qtr	185.7	202.6	224.6	181.9	208.7	220.6	149.6	..	197.4
June qtr	186.6	214.4	233.9	186.5	211.2	225.8	156.9	..	202.4
1976-77 -									
Sept. qtr	192.3	218.1	241.1	189.9	215.2	226.1	161.5	100.0	206.9
Dec. qtr	199.6	232.1	249.4	193.0	218.6	229.2	295.4	101.6	219.3
Mar. qtr	203.4	235.6	255.0	198.9	225.0	230.3	301.3	105.8	224.3
June qtr	209.4	244.1	261.6	203.5	228.7	233.4	304.9	108.8	229.6

ALL GROUPS INDEX NUMBERS
SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND CANBERRA
(Base of each Index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

Period	Weighted average of six State capital cities	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra
1973-74	146.6	151.3	144.0	146.1	143.9	140.6	142.6	142.8
1974-75	171.1	176.1	167.9	168.7	169.7	166.1	166.7	164.9
1975-76	193.3	199.0	189.5	190.9	190.5	189.6	190.0	187.3
1976-77	220.0	223.4	216.6	218.0	220.1	219.4	217.7	212.9
1975-76 -								
Dec. qtr	191.7	196.9	188.4	189.6	188.6	187.7	189.1	186.9
Mar. qtr	197.4	203.1	193.4	195.6	194.6	193.9	194.2	191.6
June qtr	202.4	207.6	198.3	200.1	200.4	200.4	200.6	197.7
1976-77 -								
Sept. qtr	206.9	211.1	203.2	205.1	205.5	205.4	205.5	201.9
Dec. qtr	219.3	222.8	215.3	217.8	220.0	219.0	217.2	213.0
Mar. qtr	224.3	227.4	221.0	222.5	224.7	224.0	221.4	216.5
June qtr	229.6	232.3	227.0	226.6	230.1	229.3	226.7	220.3

(a) Figures appearing after the decimal point possess little significance for general statistical purposes. They are inserted to avoid the distortions that would occur in rounding off the figures to the nearest whole number. (b) Base December quarter 1968 = 100.0. (c) Base September quarter 1976 = 100.0.

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS OF WORK

WEEKLY RATES RATES AND HOURS OF WORK							Australia	
End of -	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Rates	Index Nos (Base: Year 1954 = 100)
WEIGHTED AVERAGE MINIMUM WEEKLY RATES OF WAGE (\$) (a)								
Adult Males								
June -								
1973	74.69	74.67	75.49	72.56	72.64	74.94	74.47	263.7
1974	95.63	95.60	96.89	93.49	90.46	95.39	95.24	337.2
1975	113.31	112.73	115.83	111.01	106.35	112.59	112.78	399.3
1975-76 -								
Apr.	126.69	124.75	129.86	123.09	121.83	125.07	125.87	445.7
May	130.41	128.35	133.56	126.74	125.38	128.76	129.53	458.6
June	130.51	128.59	133.61	126.77	125.89	128.75	129.68	459.2
1976-77 -								
July	130.54	128.63	133.61	126.78	126.01	128.76	129.72	459.3
Aug.	133.14	131.19	136.12	129.35	129.22	131.31	132.33	468.5
Sept.	133.16	131.19	136.12	129.36	129.30	131.31	132.34	468.6
Oct.	133.14	131.19	136.12	129.35	129.39	131.31	132.34	468.6
Nov.	135.86	134.00	139.13	132.15	132.24	134.11	135.14	478.5
Dec.	135.90	134.00	139.15	132.16	132.24	134.11	135.16	478.6
Jan.	135.99	134.00	139.15	132.20	132.28	134.11	135.21	478.7
Feb.	135.97	134.00	139.15	132.20	136.19	134.11	135.47	479.7
Mar.	141.71	139.70	144.85	137.92	137.76	139.81	140.90	498.9
Apr.	141.77	139.70	144.88	137.92	139.40	139.81	141.04	499.4
May	144.44	142.28	147.57	140.46	141.41	142.37	143.63	508.6
Adult Females								
June -								
1973	59.84	58.58	57.18	57.85	57.73	57.90	58.85	295.6
1974	82.78	80.84	76.96	78.00	75.41	76.30	80.65	405.1
1975	105.22	104.98	102.88	99.42	98.29	101.04	104.02	522.5
1975-76 -								
Apr.	116.46	116.53	118.32	116.35	111.74	112.44	116.34	584.4
May	120.07	119.94	121.85	119.84	114.89	115.97	119.84	602.0
June	120.48	120.70	122.04	120.28	115.34	116.94	120.36	604.6
1976-77 -								
July	120.48	120.70	122.04	120.28	116.22	116.94	120.40	604.8
Aug.	123.02	123.22	124.51	122.79	119.73	119.45	122.98	617.7
Sept.	123.02	123.22	124.51	122.79	119.76	119.45	122.98	617.7
Oct.	123.02	123.22	124.51	122.79	120.14	119.45	123.00	617.8
Nov.	125.72	125.90	127.61	125.48	122.60	122.09	125.72	631.5
Dec.	125.72	125.90	127.61	125.55	122.64	122.09	125.73	631.5
Jan.	125.72	125.90	127.61	125.55	123.38	122.09	125.77	631.7
Feb.	125.72	125.90	127.62	125.55	127.46	122.09	125.98	632.8
Mar.	131.41	131.60	133.32	131.33	128.88	127.79	131.46	660.3
Apr.	131.41	131.60	133.32	131.33	129.25	127.79	131.48	660.4
May	133.88	134.06	135.82	133.78	131.38	130.22	133.93	672.7
WEIGHTED AVERAGE STANDARD WEEKLY HOURS OF WORK (b) MAY 1977								
Adult males	39.74	39.92	39.84	39.92	39.80	39.89	39.83	99.67
Adult females	39.53	39.81	39.70	39.77	39.78	39.63	39.67	100.00

(a) For a full weeks work (excluding overtime), as prescribed in awards, determinations and collective agreements. The wage rates for adult males exclude rural industry. The wage rates for adult females exclude rural industry: mining and quarrying and building and construction. Rates shown should not be regarded as actual current averages, but as indexes expressed in money terms indicative of trends. They do not measure the relative level of minimum wages as between States. Figures for the last twelve months are subject to revision. (b) The hours for adult males exclude rural industry; and shipping and stevedoring. The hours for adult females exclude rural industry; mining and quarrying; and building and construction.

NOTE. For further information regarding these statistics reference should be made to the monthly bulletin *Wage Rates and Earnings* (Reference No. 6.16).

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (a)
(Revised Series)

Original series. Estimates of average weekly earnings are made each quarter in respect of both full-time and part-time civilian wage and salary earners in all industries combined. The earnings figures used in the calculation of the averages comprise award and over-award wages and salaries, the earnings of employees not covered by awards, overtime earnings, etc., and includes payments made retrospectively or in advance during the quarter. Particulars of employment and wages and salaries are derived from payroll tax returns and from direct returns from government and other bodies. For a more detailed explanation of the methods used, see *Average Weekly Earnings* (Reference No. 6.18).

Seasonally adjusted series. Quarterly estimates are affected by seasonal influences. For example special payments, including prepayments for holiday periods tend to raise the December quarter and to depress the March quarter averages. In addition, figures for all quarters are affected by the varying incidence of pay-days in successive quarters. Allowance for the varying incidence of pay-days and for seasonal factors has been made in calculating the seasonally adjusted estimates. It should also be noted that seasonal adjustment factors were estimated from a series adjusted to allow for the effects of major awards and determinations of Federal and State industrial authorities. The effects of these awards and determinations are retained in the seasonally adjusted data. A detailed description of the methods of seasonal adjustment is given in *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators* (Reference No. 1.10).

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<i>Period</i>	<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>N.T. (b)</i>	<i>A.C.T. (b)</i>	<i>Aust.</i>
ORIGINAL									
1973-74	121.20	118.80	113.50	110.40	115.00	110.50			118.30
1974-75	152.10	147.80	142.50	138.60	145.60	140.20	168.50	184.30	148.30
1975-76	172.70	170.50	163.50	158.50	169.10	157.80	190.00	209.00	169.60
1975-76 -									
Dec. qtr	158.70	178.00	169.90	163.70	173.70	164.70	188.70	205.20	175.70
Mar. qtr	168.50	165.50	158.20	154.40	164.80	151.20	185.50	208.30	165.30
June qtr	183.60	180.70	175.00	167.60	178.80	165.10	199.60	221.90	179.80
1976-77 -									
Sept. qtr	187.30	183.00	182.00	175.00	184.00	175.60	209.30	230.00	184.80
Dec. qtr	197.90	197.40	189.80	182.80	194.50	188.70	220.00	243.90	195.50
Mar. qtr	187.00	183.40	173.90	172.70	186.20	174.90	210.50	231.00	183.60
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
1975-76 -									
Dec. qtr	168.80	168.20	160.60	157.20	168.20	154.80	188.90	205.30	166.90
Mar. qtr	173.80	170.60	164.90	158.00	169.30	156.30	187.90	214.60	171.10
June qtr	183.20	182.50	174.20	168.00	177.30	165.90	199.60	216.30	178.80
1976-77 -									
Sept. qtr	187.00	182.80	183.00	173.60	182.80	177.20	208.60	233.10	184.90
Dec. qtr	190.20	187.90	179.60	177.60	189.10	178.80	213.40	238.50	187.40
Mar. qtr	193.80	190.90	184.70	177.10	193.30	183.80	214.50	240.30	191.90

(a) Particulars of wages and salaries paid are not available for males and females separately; estimates have therefore been calculated in terms of male units, i.e. total male employees plus a proportion of female employees, the proportion being derived from the estimated ratio of female to male average earnings in each State. The ratio used in the current quarter for Australia is approximately 66 per cent. For further details on the separate State ratios see *Average Weekly Earnings* (Reference No. 6.18). (b) Original series estimates have been calculated on a basis which excludes the effects of varying numbers of Australian Government pay-days in each quarter. Estimates prior to 1974-75 are not available.

BUILDING, ETC.

SUMMARY OF BUILDING APPROVED: ORIGINAL AND SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

New dwellings								
Period	Private			Government		Total		
	Number ('000)			Number ('000)	Value (\$m)	Number ('000)		Value (\$m)
	Original	Seasonally adjusted (a)	Value (\$m)			Original	Seasonally adjusted (a)	
1974-75	101.5	..	1,891.4	19.8	354.8	121.3	..	2,246.2
1975-76	134.2	..	3,007.2	11.9	249.6	146.1	..	3,256.8
1976-77	127.3	..	3,227.8	14.1	313.1	141.4	..	3,540.9
1975-76 -								
May	11.7	11.1	284.1	1.6	29.7	13.3	12.5	313.8
June	12.3	10.7	298.4	2.4	48.0	14.7	12.3	346.5
1976-77 -								
July	11.8	11.3	287.8	0.7	16.5	12.6	12.2	304.3
Aug.	11.4	11.2	279.6	0.8	16.2	12.2	12.5	295.8
Sept.	12.4	11.4	304.4	1.6	34.9	14.0	13.0	339.2
Oct.	11.6	11.9	287.5	1.3	26.6	12.9	13.2	314.1
Nov.	12.1	11.3	299.1	1.4	30.1	13.5	12.7	329.2
Dec.	10.6	11.4	267.3	1.0	22.8	11.6	12.6	290.2
Jan.	8.5	11.5	219.1	1.3	29.6	9.8	13.0	248.8
Feb.	9.1	10.2	231.0	1.7	36.9	10.8	12.1	267.9
Mar.	9.8	8.6	254.6	0.9	20.0	10.7	9.4	274.6
Apr.	9.2	10.4	243.8	0.7	15.5	9.9	11.1	259.3
May	10.4	9.4	273.5	1.1	29.2	11.6	10.3	302.6
June	10.4	9.1	279.9	1.4	34.8	11.8	10.0	314.8
Period	Alterations and additions to dwellings (c)	Other building (a)				Total building approved		
		Original		Seasonally adjusted (b)		Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)	
		Private	Total	Total	Seasonally adjusted (b)			
					Total			
Value (\$ million)								
1974-75	100.8	829.8	1,786.3	..	..	4,133.3	..	..
1975-76	211.1	945.7	1,876.1	..	..	5,344.1	..	..
1976-77	250.6	1,147.9	2,095.5	..	..	5,887.0	..	..
1975-76 -								
May	19.9	91.7	217.8	193.7	551.5	527.2		
June	22.6	86.4	156.5	127.9	525.5	426.6		
1976-77 -								
July	21.6	93.6	168.5	147.9	494.4	453.0		
Aug.	20.2	79.8	123.2	144.5	439.2	475.5		
Sept.	22.3	100.0	181.7	193.9	543.3	518.4		
Oct.	22.6	88.6	159.2	157.9	495.9	499.8		
Nov.	22.2	87.7	183.6	178.6	535.0	510.1		
Dec.	18.7	113.1	213.0	215.9	521.9	551.1		
Jan.	18.6	74.3	137.5	181.2	404.9	539.8		
Feb.	17.8	93.4	157.2	183.5	442.9	493.8		
Mar.	20.3	100.5	208.8	191.6	503.7	469.5		
Apr.	19.5	100.4	193.7	202.9	472.5	418.6		
May	22.8	107.2	178.8	149.6	504.2	454.5		
June	23.8	109.3	190.4	152.4	529.0	429.6		

(a) Includes other building (new plus alterations and additions) valued at \$10,000 and over. (b) Account has been taken not only of normal seasonal factors but additionally of 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying number of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc., in the month) and the influence of Easter which may in successive years affect figures for different months. (c) Valued at \$10,000 and over.

NOTE. Statistics on alterations and additions to dwellings, valued at \$2,000-\$9,999 are collected but not included in the tabulations. The total value of building approved in this category in June 1977 was \$26.0m.

BUILDING JOBS APPROVED

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
NUMBERS OF NEW DWELLINGS APPROVED ('000)									
1974-75	38.13	30.61	18.11	12.68	12.80	3.32	1.52	4.15	121.32
1975-76	32.13	39.40	44.61	16.82	21.39	4.44	2.79	4.54	146.11
1976-77	36.80	36.63	25.67	14.39	19.06	4.40	1.58	2.84	141.37
1975-76 -									
May	2.91	3.60	1.88	1.90	2.00	0.42	0.19	0.39	13.29
June	3.30	3.94	2.17	2.23	2.07	0.38	0.33	0.26	14.66
1976-77 -									
July	3.07	3.61	2.16	1.19	1.67	0.37	0.09	0.43	12.58
Aug.	3.04	3.25	2.11	1.48	1.57	0.38	0.12	0.27	12.22
Sept.	3.76	3.36	2.73	1.67	1.66	0.44	0.16	0.23	14.01
Oct.	3.11	3.30	2.33	1.40	1.81	0.45	0.18	0.30	12.87
Nov.	3.80	3.48	2.48	1.21	1.74	0.34	0.10	0.34	13.48
Dec.	2.96	3.14	2.09	1.12	1.60	0.33	0.11	0.24	11.57
Jan.	3.23	1.82	1.62	1.28	1.30	0.21	0.17	0.18	9.81
Feb.	2.59	3.56	1.65	0.78	1.48	0.38	0.17	0.21	10.84
Mar.	2.49	3.09	2.10	0.98	1.42	0.41	0.08	0.11	10.68
Apr.	2.60	2.41	1.92	0.97	1.46	0.34	0.11	0.08	9.89
May	3.00	2.97	2.25	0.94	1.70	0.38	0.20	0.15	11.59
June	3.16	2.64	2.24	1.38	1.64	0.38	0.08	0.32	11.85
VALUE OF NEW DWELLINGS APPROVED (\$m)									
1974-75	683.6	590.4	334.8	214.6	220.7	61.1	43.6	97.2	2,246.2
1975-76	704.0	907.2	508.7	360.2	438.5	101.5	97.2	139.4	3,256.8
1976-77	890.1	962.0	613.0	356.0	469.0	110.5	52.3	87.8	3,540.9
1975-76 -									
May	67.8	91.9	42.5	36.8	45.7	11.1	5.7	12.3	313.8
June	75.3	96.8	49.4	48.5	45.7	9.0	12.5	19.2	346.5
1976-77 -									
July	72.7	91.0	47.9	28.6	39.0	9.7	3.1	12.4	304.3
Aug.	70.8	83.5	50.0	33.0	36.6	9.4	3.7	8.8	295.8
Sept.	85.2	87.3	62.2	39.8	39.9	11.1	6.2	7.6	339.2
Oct.	74.4	84.2	53.5	32.6	44.0	11.1	5.0	9.3	314.1
Nov.	87.0	89.1	58.1	30.3	42.1	8.7	4.1	19.8	329.2
Dec.	72.9	82.1	49.3	29.3	38.6	8.0	3.0	6.8	290.2
Jan.	78.3	50.6	38.6	32.3	32.0	5.2	6.0	5.8	248.8
Feb.	62.2	89.3	39.1	20.5	35.6	9.4	5.2	6.7	267.9
Mar.	61.9	83.9	52.3	24.8	35.6	9.9	2.5	3.8	274.6
Apr.	68.1	65.6	46.4	25.1	39.2	8.3	3.8	2.8	259.3
May	74.8	80.3	59.0	24.5	43.1	9.5	6.6	4.7	302.6
June	81.9	75.1	56.6	35.3	43.4	10.1	3.1	9.3	314.8
VALUE OF ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO DWELLINGS APPROVED (\$m) (a)									
1974-75	48.1	27.8	7.2	5.1	4.7	1.7	1.5	4.6	100.8
1975-76	77.2	53.2	11.3	12.2	10.2	2.3	35.2	9.6	211.1
1976-77	94.0	77.6	16.5	18.1	16.2	3.9	15.4	8.8	250.6
1975-76 -									
May	7.5	5.0	1.1	0.9	1.3	0.3	2.9	0.9	19.9
June	7.5	5.5	1.2	1.7	1.1	0.3	4.6	0.6	22.6
1976-77 -									
July	7.7	6.4	1.5	1.2	1.1	0.3	2.4	0.9	21.6
Aug.	8.3	6.4	1.2	1.4	1.3	0.3	0.5	0.8	20.2
Sept.	7.7	6.9	1.7	1.5	1.4	0.3	2.1	0.8	22.3
Oct.	8.9	6.8	1.6	1.4	1.2	0.4	1.4	0.9	22.6
Nov.	8.2	7.3	1.6	1.5	1.2	0.3	1.3	0.9	22.2
Dec.	6.7	6.5	0.7	1.8	1.3	0.3	1.0	0.5	18.7
Jan.	8.4	4.3	1.1	1.3	0.9	0.3	1.7	0.6	18.6
Feb.	6.7	5.5	1.2	1.3	1.3	0.3	0.7	0.7	17.8
Mar.	6.8	6.8	1.5	1.8	1.4	0.2	0.9	0.8	20.3
Apr.	7.3	6.5	1.0	1.3	1.5	0.4	0.8	0.6	19.5
May	8.3	7.4	1.9	1.5	1.8	0.4	1.0	0.6	22.8
June	9.0	6.8	1.5	2.2	1.7	0.4	1.5	0.8	23.8

(a) Valued at \$10,000 and over.

BUILDING JOBS APPROVED - continued

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
VALUE OF OTHER BUILDING APPROVED (\$m)									
1974-75	486.5	470.5	268.3	150.2	170.4	49.2	26.3	164.8	1,786.3
1975-76	554.1	512.8	370.5	99.4	182.5	54.8	41.7	60.2	1,876.1
1976-77	618.4	536.2	324.3	171.9	214.7	84.1	59.5	86.5	2,095.5
1975-76 -									
May	41.0	45.1	60.4	11.8	32.8	13.5	3.3	9.9	217.8
June	35.7	41.0	133.5	9.2	25.5	2.7	1.2	7.7	156.5
1976-77 -									
July	56.8	40.8	27.1	10.9	15.0	4.0	6.2	7.7	168.5
Aug.	28.8	43.4	19.8	10.5	12.1	4.5	2.7	1.3	123.2
Sept.	59.0	45.7	33.6	13.7	14.5	5.3	4.1	5.8	181.7
Oct.	36.9	41.9	29.6	10.0	4.2	9.8	4.6	2.2	159.2
Nov.	55.3	36.7	20.4	10.3	19.4	8.3	6.6	26.6	183.6
Dec.	87.8	41.1	24.1	19.0	20.6	4.8	2.9	12.6	213.0
Jan.	51.1	28.3	16.3	11.6	20.5	7.4	1.4	1.0	137.5
Feb.	46.1	41.0	15.6	18.4	16.3	9.5	7.5	2.7	157.2
Mar.	56.4	52.8	43.2	12.8	17.0	10.8	0.7	15.0	208.8
Apr.	45.4	56.1	26.1	36.6	14.2	6.7	3.5	5.0	193.7
May	44.5	65.1	25.8	7.6	19.4	7.0	6.8	2.5	178.8
June	50.3	43.3	42.5	10.5	21.4	5.9	12.5	4.0	190.4

VALUE OF TOTAL BUILDING APPROVED (\$m)

1974-75	1,218.3	1,088.7	610.4	369.9	395.9	112.1	71.4	266.6	4,133.3
1975-76	1,335.4	1,473.2	890.5	471.8	631.1	158.7	174.1	209.2	5,344.1
1976-77	1,602.5	1,575.8	953.9	546.0	700.0	198.5	127.2	183.1	5,887.0
1975-76 -									
May	116.3	141.9	104.0	49.5	79.9	24.8	11.8	23.2	551.5
June	118.6	143.3	84.1	59.4	72.3	12.0	18.3	17.4	525.5
1976-77 -									
July	137.1	138.2	76.5	40.7	55.2	14.0	11.6	21.0	494.4
Aug.	107.9	133.4	71.0	44.9	50.0	14.2	6.9	11.0	439.2
Sept.	151.9	140.0	97.5	54.9	55.8	16.7	12.4	14.2	543.3
Oct.	120.1	132.9	84.8	43.9	69.5	21.2	11.0	12.4	495.9
Nov.	150.5	133.0	80.2	42.1	62.7	17.4	12.0	37.2	535.0
Dec.	167.4	129.7	74.2	50.2	60.5	13.1	6.9	19.9	521.9
Jan.	137.8	83.1	56.0	45.2	53.4	12.9	9.2	7.5	404.9
Feb.	115.1	135.8	55.9	40.2	53.3	19.2	13.5	10.1	442.9
Mar.	125.2	143.5	96.9	39.4	54.0	21.0	4.1	19.6	503.7
Apr.	120.7	128.2	73.5	63.0	54.9	15.5	8.1	8.5	472.5
May	127.7	152.8	86.7	33.6	64.3	16.9	14.4	7.8	504.2
June	141.2	125.2	100.6	48.0	66.6	16.4	17.1	14.0	529.0

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING COMMENCED : AUSTRALIA

Period	Number of new dwellings ('000)				Value (\$ million)				
	Houses	Other dwellings	Private	Total	New dwellings	Alterations and additions to dwellings	Other building		Total building
							Private	Total	
ORIGINAL									
1973-74	113.5	50.9	150.1	164.4	2,534.3	69.2	1,252.2	1,982.3	4,585.8
1974-75	86.5	31.6	99.1	118.1	2,227.3	101.8	915.4	1,834.1	4,163.1
1975-76	106.6	30.5	123.8	137.1	3,116.3	206.1	963.7	1,907.8	5,230.2
1975-76 -									
Dec. qtr	24.5	7.0	28.8	31.5	690.1	44.3	191.1	345.0	1,079.4
Mar. qtr	26.6	7.5	31.0	34.1	796.0	56.4	236.2	422.3	1,274.7
June qtr	28.7	7.6	33.8	36.4	879.1	61.8	301.7	580.1	1,521.0
1976-77 -									
Sept. qtr	29.0	9.3	34.3	38.3	963.6	64.8	294.7	580.9	1,609.3
Dec. qtr	26.9	8.1	31.6	35.1	897.3	65.3	284.0	507.8	1,470.3
Mar. qtr	26.8	7.7	30.4	34.5	898.1	65.8	267.7	533.8	1,497.7
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (a)									
1975-76 -							(b)		
Dec. qtr	26.2	7.8	30.7	33.7	747.4		191.1	382.7	1,166.5
Mar. qtr	27.1	7.5	31.6	34.7	809.8		236.2	414.4	1,268.8
June qtr	27.4	7.3	32.5	34.9	841.1	n.a.	301.7	539.1	1,445.5
1976-77 -									
Sept. qtr	27.9	8.8	33.1	36.8	918.4		294.7	576.4	1,578.8
Dec. qtr	28.9	9.1	33.6	37.7	973.1		284.0	569.6	1,595.3
Mar. qtr	27.3	7.7	31.0	35.0	912.8		267.7	524.0	1,490.0

(a) Revised, following the annual re-analysis. (b) Series shows only insignificant seasonal pattern in recent years. Figures shown are the original figures.

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING COMPLETED : AUSTRALIA

Period	Number of new dwellings ('000)				Value (\$ million)				
	Houses	Other dwellings	Private	Total	New dwellings	Alterations and additions to dwellings	Other building		Total building
							Private	Total	
ORIGINAL									
1973-74	104.9	45.1	138.6	150.0	2,143.0	55.6	1,031.8	1,532.6	3,731.1
1974-75	97.0	44.1	125.7	141.1	2,454.2	92.1	1,154.6	1,784.5	4,330.8
1975-76	99.9	32.1	112.3	132.0	2,799.3	169.7	1,249.6	2,266.6	5,235.7
1975-76 -									
Dec. qtr	26.6	8.3	29.2	34.9	717.5	42.9	373.1	609.0	1,369.5
Mar. qtr	22.5	6.9	26.0	29.4	639.7	42.9	252.8	564.1	1,246.7
June qtr	27.4	9.2	31.1	36.7	818.7	50.1	330.3	578.5	1,447.4
1976-77 -									
Sept. qtr	28.6	8.7	33.1	37.3	882.2	60.9	324.0	585.0	1,528.0
Dec. qtr	30.1	8.9	35.2	39.1	977.2	65.2	329.1	601.0	1,643.4
Mar. qtr	24.5	7.6	29.2	32.1	824.8	57.3	335.3	586.1	1,468.2
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (a)									
1975-76 -									
Dec. qtr	24.4	7.7	26.9	32.1	656.8		324.0	551.6	1,240.9
Mar. qtr	25.2	7.7	28.5	33.0	716.6	n.a.	288.8	576.2	1,343.4
June qtr	27.1	8.9	31.0	36.0	811.2		331.5	611.7	1,483.3
1976-77 -									
Sept. qtr	28.5	8.8	33.1	37.3	878.0		332.4	602.3	1,539.4
Dec. qtr	27.6	8.2	32.4	35.8	893.1		285.0	544.8	1,489.9
Mar. qtr	27.4	8.5	32.1	36.0	924.0		383.5	598.1	1,581.0

(a) Revised, following the annual re-analysis.

VALUE OF WORK DONE : AUSTRALIA
\$ million

Period	New dwellings			Alterations and additions to dwellings	Other building		Total building
	Houses	Other dwellings	Total		Private	Total	
ORIGINAL							
1973-74	1,835.8	552.7	2,388.5	63.0	1,181.3	1,763.4	4,214.9
1974-75	1,844.3	551.2	2,395.5	99.1	1,291.9	2,218.7	4,713.1
1975-76	2,480.3	563.1	3,043.4	190.7	1,214.3	2,348.5	5,582.6
1975-76 -							
Dec. qtr	588.6	140.1	728.6	45.7	286.5	567.9	1,342.3
Mar. qtr	608.4	136.2	744.6	49.1	281.4	539.5	1,333.2
June qtr	720.4	152.3	872.7	57.1	332.3	619.6	1,549.3
1976-77 -							
Sept. qtr	776.2	173.8	950.0	63.8	335.7	620.6	1,634.5
Dec. qtr	773.7	173.7	947.4	67.8	335.4	622.1	1,637.2
Mar. qtr	718.1	153.7	871.9	62.1	312.9	564.8	1,498.7
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (a)							
1975-76 -							
Dec. qtr	584.3	137.7	722.1		284.5	558.5	1,325.4
Mar. qtr	652.9	145.7	797.5	n.a.	306.6	582.4	1,431.3
June qtr	707.7	152.7	859.9		327.6	618.3	1,534.9
1976-77 -							
Sept. qtr	744.3	165.8	911.8		310.3	588.0	1,562.4
Dec. qtr	767.8	170.0	937.8		333.4	612.1	1,615.5
Mar. qtr	770.5	164.4	933.9		340.7	609.6	1,608.3

(a) Revised, following the annual re-analysis.

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING, MARCH QUARTER 1977

State or Territory	Commenced		Completed		Under construction		Value of work done during period		Value of work yet to be done	
	Private	Total	Private	Total	Private	Total	Private	Total	Private	Total
NUMBER OF NEW DWELLINGS ('000)										
N.S.W.	8.27	9.44	6.95	7.66	15.00	18.63				
Vic.	8.06	8.67	7.50	7.98	22.35	24.56				
Qld	5.41	5.87	5.48	5.94	6.68	7.62				
S.A.	2.67	3.22	2.92	3.26	5.95	7.87				
W.A.	4.58	4.93	4.88	5.20	7.55	8.21				
Tas.	0.73	1.01	0.78	0.90	2.34	2.75				
N.T.	0.12	0.51	0.20	0.51	0.38	1.15				
A.C.T.	0.60	0.84	0.54	0.65	1.64	2.38				
Aust.	30.44	34.49	29.25	32.10	61.89	73.17				

— not applicable —

VALUE OF NEW HOUSES (\$ m)

N.S.W.	173.4	184.0	141.8	148.8	273.1	300.3	158.4	166.0	143.2	157.8
Vic.	201.5	213.0	169.3	177.2	488.2	523.3	191.0	201.2	248.6	263.9
Qld	111.2	119.7	104.3	112.6	125.9	144.1	107.8	114.0	63.9	73.4
S.A.	63.2	70.4	66.5	72.3	125.4	152.6	69.8	76.4	63.7	74.5
W.A.	93.1	94.4	89.9	94.4	143.9	152.9	93.8	99.3	71.5	75.7
Tas.	17.2	21.7	18.4	20.3	45.3	52.2	16.7	20.0	23.2	26.7
N.T.	3.4	16.9	7.3	20.6	14.1	40.2	5.2	20.0	6.9	19.4
A.C.T.	16.5	20.4	17.7	20.0	45.5	56.4	18.4	21.3	23.6	29.9
Aust.	679.5	740.5	615.2	666.2	1,261.4	1,422.0	661.1	718.2	644.6	721.3

VALUE OF NEW DWELLINGS (\$ m)

N.S.W.	209.8	233.1	174.1	187.2	377.8	449.7	187.8	202.6	204.6	245.9
Vic.	228.8	241.6	199.4	209.0	615.8	663.8	228.3	240.4	309.5	328.6
Qld	130.1	140.2	143.6	152.6	171.3	191.4	131.8	139.1	84.4	94.9
S.A.	75.0	86.6	77.4	85.2	167.9	208.5	80.8	90.4	88.3	104.9
W.A.	119.5	127.3	116.0	123.0	202.5	217.6	120.7	128.1	99.2	105.9
Tas.	20.5	25.7	22.5	24.6	61.9	69.8	21.4	24.9	32.2	36.4
N.T.	3.9	17.8	7.5	21.5	14.9	42.4	5.6	20.8	7.3	20.2
A.C.T.	20.1	25.8	19.6	21.8	57.0	74.6	21.7	25.6	30.3	39.4
Aust.	807.7	898.1	760.1	824.8	1,669.1	1,917.8	798.1	871.9	855.8	976.2

VALUE OF ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO DWELLINGS (\$ m)

N.S.W.	24.8	24.8	21.3	21.4	27.1	27.2	22.8	22.9	13.2	13.2
Vic.	20.2	20.2	15.3	15.3	35.7	35.7	17.4	17.4	17.6	17.6
Qld	4.1	4.2	3.9	4.0	2.0	2.0	4.0	4.1	0.9	0.9
S.A.	4.6	4.6	3.1	3.1	5.2	5.2	3.7	3.7	2.6	2.6
W.A.	4.8	4.9	3.6	3.6	5.0	5.0	4.2	4.3	2.4	2.4
Tas.	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	1.1	1.1	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5
N.T.	2.9	3.8	4.8	7.0	10.8	15.3	4.6	6.6	5.1	6.1
A.C.T.	2.8	2.8	2.5	2.5	3.5	3.5	2.5	2.5	1.7	1.7
Aust.	64.7	65.8	54.9	57.3	90.4	95.0	59.8	62.1	44.0	45.0

VALUE OF OTHER BUILDING (\$ m)

N.S.W.	78.8	158.5	111.1	189.6	436.4	1,027.4	93.8	158.4	156.2	451.2
Vic.	73.3	116.7	91.6	149.6	366.4	684.9	80.2	124.6	174.2	350.5
Qld	40.9	68.6	47.6	81.7	203.5	473.6	60.4	109.8	80.0	200.8
S.A.	29.9	61.7	40.1	71.7	76.6	209.5	24.3	53.6	37.8	96.7
W.A.	22.0	50.4	28.4	52.7	53.5	207.9	25.4	51.0	25.3	122.1
Tas.	7.2	18.5	7.0	16.2	22.9	74.2	8.6	15.0	11.0	43.0
N.T.	5.5	12.6	5.8	19.7	17.9	136.9	7.0	19.3	10.1	62.5
A.C.T.	10.1	46.7	3.8	4.9	63.7	294.8	13.2	33.2	25.9	142.3
Aust.	267.7	533.8	335.4	586.1	1,240.9	3,109.2	312.9	564.8	520.5	1,469.2

TOTAL VALUE OF BUILDING (\$ m)

N.S.W.	313.3	416.5	306.5	398.2	841.3	1,504.3	304.4	383.8	374.0	710.3
Vic.	322.3	378.6	306.2	373.8	1,017.9	1,384.4	325.9	382.4	501.3	696.7
Qld	175.2	213.0	195.2	238.3	376.8	667.1	196.3	252.9	165.4	296.6
S.A.	109.6	152.9	120.7	160.0	249.6	423.1	108.8	147.7	128.7	204.2
W.A.	146.3	182.6	147.9	179.3	261.0	430.5	150.4	183.4	126.9	230.5
Tas.	28.2	44.7	29.9	41.3	85.8	145.1	30.5	40.4	43.6	79.9
N.T.	12.3	34.2	18.0	48.1	43.7	194.5	17.2	46.7	22.5	88.8
A.C.T.	33.1	75.3	25.8	29.2	124.2	372.9	37.5	61.3	57.8	183.4
Aust.	1,140.3	1,497.7	1,150.2	1,468.2	3,000.3	5,121.9	1,171.0	1,498.7	1,420.2	2,490.4

NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISES, ASIC SUB-DIVISION AND TYPE OF ASSET (\$ million)

These statistics are designed primarily to measure trends in expenditure by private enterprises, on new fixed tangible assets. The statistics in this table differ somewhat from the item *Gross fixed capital expenditure* in the table on page 36 of this publication as a result of the different methods of compilation of the two sets of statistics.

ASIC Sub-division										
Quarter	Manufacturing									
	Mining	Food beverages and tobacco	Textiles, clothing and footwear	Paper, paper products, printing and publishing	Chemicals petroleum and coal products	Basic metal products	Transport equipment	Fabricated metal products (a)	Other (b)	Total
	(11-16)	(21,22)	(23,24)	(26)	(27)	(29)	(32)	(31,33)	(25,28,34)	(21-34)
1975-76 -										
Sept.	183.7	76.3	8.4	17.8	33.4	90.6	29.2	32.4	59.8	347.9
Dec.	179.3	79.1	7.9	20.2	39.5	84.9	24.4	37.2	65.5	358.7
Mar.	136.9	70.5	11.3	23.5	31.3	64.5	30.2	37.8	63.2	332.3
June	153.7	104.5	13.0	31.2	55.8	78.6	26.6	69.7	73.8	453.2
1976-77 -										
Sept.	119.7	92.3	11.3	24.3	45.9	64.9	35.9	52.3	64.1	391.0
Dec.	120.9	103.1	15.5	30.7	58.2	79.9	45.5	61.9	79.2	474.0
Mar.	111.7	86.6	8.2	30.4	51.7	55.6	35.1	52.4	66.5	386.5

ASIC Sub-division										
Quarter	Non-manufacturing				Total new capital expenditure (d)		Type of asset			
	Electricity, gas and water	Wholesale and retail trade	Transport	All other (c)	Original	Seasonally adjusted	New buildings and structures (e)		Other new capital equipment (f)	
							Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted
	(36,37)	(46-48)	(51-55)	(56,61-63, 91-93)	(11-37,46-91-93)	(63,91-93)				
1975-76 -										
Sept.	7.8	160.1	87.8	454.2	1,241.5	1,263.9	450.1	438.4	791.4	808.5
Dec.	15.2	191.7	85.3	519.0	1,349.2	1,249.9	508.2	473.6	841.0	786.5
Mar.	6.8	147.9	83.2	415.4	1,122.5	1,263.6	351.4	416.5	771.1	853.1
June	8.9	217.4	92.8	552.9	1,478.9	1,409.2	435.5	412.5	1,043.4	996.9
1976-77 -										
Sept.	8.5	211.5	57.2	533.2	1,321.1	1,344.3	444.0	432.8	877.1	892.7
Dec.	10.7	250.4	110.0	593.5	1,559.5	1,443.9	450.4	418.4	1,109.1	1,040.3
Mar.	4.7	197.5	63.7	485.4	1,249.5	1,407.9	348.6	413.6	900.9	998.3

(a) Fabricated metal products, other industrial machinery and equipment and household appliances. (b) Wood, wood products and furniture (except sheet metal), glass, clay and other non-metallic mineral products, leather, rubber and plastic products, and other manufacturing, n.e.i. (c) Finance, insurance, real estate, business services, communication, entertainment, recreation, restaurants, hotels and personal services. (d) Excludes community services and construction. (e) Includes assets such as buildings, wharves, railway and harbour construction, roads and also lifts, heating and ventilation equipment and the like forming an integral part of the structure. Also included is the value of expenditure on mine development (e.g. construction of shafts in underground mines, preparation of mining and quarrying sites for open-cut extraction other developmental operations undertaken primarily for commencing or extending production). (f) Includes vehicles, electrical apparatus, office equipment, furniture, fixtures and fittings not forming an integral part of buildings, durable containers, special tooling, etc.

INCREASE IN BOOK VALUE OF STOCKS HELD BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISES (\$ million)

These statistics are designed primarily to measure trends in investment in stocks by private enterprises. The statistics in this table differ somewhat from the item *Increase in stocks* in the table on page 36 as a result of the different methods of compilation of these two sets of statistics.

Increase in book value of stocks for selected ASIC sub-divisions						Less stock valuation adjustment (b)	Increase in stocks after stock valuation adjustment (b)
Quarter	Mining	Manufacturing	Wholesale trade	Retail trade (a)	Total		
	(11-16)	(21-34)	(46,47)	(36,37,48,92)	(11-37,46-48,92)		
1975-76 -							
Dec.	+22	+12	+131	+165	+330	+620	-290
Mar.	+52	+369	+195	+151	+767	+503	+264
June	+27	+269	+152	+106	+554	+444	+110
1976-77 -							
Sept. (c)	+15	+269	+68	+296	+648	+303	+345
Dec.	+22	+158	+265	+114	+559	+428	+131
Mar.	+26	+441	+189	+140	+796	+476	+320

(a) Includes electricity and gas, restaurants, hotels and clubs. (b) Informants are asked to report the book value of their stocks at the end of each quarter according to their normal principles of valuing stocks for balance sheet purposes. Increases in the book value of stocks between the beginning and end of a quarter will partly reflect changes in the physical quantities of all component items and partly changes in prices at which stocks are valued. A stock valuation adjustment is deducted from the increase in book value of stocks to arrive at the increase in stocks valued at the average price of the quarter. (c) Each year the framework and the samples are revised. For reasons of comparability estimates are prepared for both the original sample and revised sample.

PRODUCTION

MINE PRODUCTION OF SELECTED MINERALS

Period	Copper (a)	Lead (a)	Zinc (a)	Tin (a)	Nickel (a)	Bauxite	Iron ore	Gold (a) (b)	Mineral sands concentrates		
									Ilmenite	Rutile	Zircon
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	kg	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
1973-74	246,669	370,431	441,286	10,599	42,247	18,545	91,508	16,271	676,566	308,050	347,014
1974-75	235,590	416,500	508,174	10,168	59,109	22,205	98,159	15,061	891,090	334,205	392,751
1975-76	217,604	350,947	467,586	9,096	81,030	21,084	92,672	17,479	948,792	362,769	384,823
1975-76 p -											
Feb.	18,452	28,208	36,208	703				1,592	75,825	31,173	33,286
Mar.	20,118	33,206	38,578	890				1,169	83,841	33,884	33,957
Apr.	17,545	29,934	34,903	709				1,243	62,605	31,382	33,171
May	17,492	31,107	37,063	867	20,151	5,984	21,804	1,031	86,857	28,574	33,966
June	17,042	38,619	44,672	990				1,561	66,979	36,336	33,051
1976-77 p -											
July	18,778	36,886	41,440	970				1,087	93,814	32,268	35,541
Aug.	18,298	38,557	43,030	837	22,149	6,246	25,061	1,378	101,132	31,678	36,711
Sept.	17,000	38,974	43,572	773				1,352	81,447	37,217	35,903
Oct.	17,098	34,684	39,906	839				1,261	81,129	31,013	35,817
Nov.	17,372	37,093	44,848	820	19,837	6,249	23,823	1,062	87,001	31,850	36,717
Dec.	16,771	26,775	30,967	902				1,241	98,764	41,577	41,504
Jan.	16,224	22,066	25,245	900				964	76,996	21,039	27,306
Feb.	15,674	31,443	39,269	751		6,245	24,940	1,199	72,752	28,770	28,477
Mar.	18,259	38,743	46,591	889				1,399			
Apr.	18,000	31,608	35,390	832				1,235			

(a) Quantities shown are metallic contents of mine products based on chemical assay. (b) Western Australian and Northern Territory gold production figures (in respect of major producers) normally relate to a four-week period ending in the calendar month indicated. However, two such periods ended in the calendar month of March 1977 for Western Australia and June 1976 for the Northern Territory.

PRODUCTION OF SELECTED MINERALS AND METALS

Period	Fuel minerals						Refined metals (a)					
	Black coal			Crude oil	Natural gas	Alumina (b)	Aluminium (b)	Copper (b)	Lead (b) (c)	Zinc (b)	Tin (b)	Gold (d)
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Brown coal									
	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 cu m	million cu m	'000 tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	kg
1973-74	59,344	..	26,293	23,096	4,403	4,516	208,756	149,300	201,025	281,586	6,509	11,106
1974-75	70,142	..	27,514	23,096	4,360	5,073	222,876	178,451	170,508	243,209	5,973	10,744
1975-76	69,466	..	29,210	23,891	5,388	5,618	220,027	164,279	168,183	204,534	5,386	12,829
1975-76 -												
Feb.	6,441	6,478	2,391	1,775	397	448	17,816	11,163	13,541	15,345	342	1,078
Mar.	6,731	6,269	2,670	2,038	429	487	19,335	16,249	13,554	17,532	565	897
Apr.	5,876	6,686	2,518	1,983	464	513	18,978	12,802	11,929	18,335	459	1,386
May	6,592	5,978	2,525	2,115	524	548	19,765	13,191	17,264	20,755	467	720
June	7,095	6,450	2,701	2,009	553	505	18,968	12,636	15,270	18,248	470	912
1976-77 p -												
July	6,859	6,138	2,709	2,217	575	549	19,875	12,658	18,006	23,602	533	940
Aug.	5,165	5,875	2,852	2,173	578	571	20,218	15,301	17,500	23,578	440	731
Sept.	6,629	6,808	2,994	2,142	575	539	19,335	13,870	15,897	23,434	695	999
Oct.	6,793	6,281	2,611	1,920	533	543	20,242	12,186	16,446	23,197	451	1,211
Nov.	7,618	6,249	2,603	1,765	473	482	19,483	11,309	14,583	21,104	496	976
Dec.	4,807	5,199	2,260	1,983	470	605	20,058	11,806	15,205	20,940	405	768
Jan.	3,704	6,275	1,976	2,097	411	563	19,833	8,490	13,754	20,806	161	740
Feb.	6,713	6,538	2,040	1,897	463	514	18,015	13,381	13,292	17,558	393	842
Mar.	6,798	6,277	2,549	2,167	514	557	20,154	14,728	13,888	19,390	570	629
Apr.	5,449	6,275	2,671	1,834	521			11,587	8,652	22,100	394	1,081

(a) Primary origin only. (b) Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources. (c) Refined lead including lead content of lead alloys from primary sources; excludes lead content of lead silver bullion produced for export. (d) Statistics of refined gold were collected by the Reserve Bank until December 1975. From January 1976 these statistics have been collected by the Bureau of Mineral Resources.

PRODUCTION OF ENERGY, IRON AND STEEL AND BUILDING MATERIALS

Period	Heat, light and power				Iron and steel				
	Gas available for issue through mains (a)		Total electricity generated		Pig iron		Iron ore pellets (b)	Raw steel (c)	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted		Original	Seasonally adjusted
	million megajoules	million megajoules	million kWh	million kWh	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes
1973-74p	172,694	..	69,743	..	7,506	..	10,214	7,749	..
1974-75p	182,825	..	73,933	..	7,598	..	9,614	8,063	..
1975-76p	203,623	..	76,597	..	7,519	..	9,980	7,937	..
1975-76p -									
Mar.	15,975	17,188	6,367	6,485	642	631	816	706	682
Apr.	16,770	17,856	6,165	6,600	623	658	746	631	678
May	19,819	18,473	6,868	6,600	674	662	783	733	733
June	20,983	18,120	7,201	6,561	663	707	883	675	732
1976-77p -									
July	22,132	18,445	7,601	6,636	675	661	780	695	668
Aug.	22,470	18,980	7,581	6,811	629	612	784	634	618
Sept.	20,870	19,479	7,090	6,876	605	601	663	631	627
Oct.	20,077	19,633	6,841	6,879	571	549	822	635	600
Nov.	17,384	18,604	6,408	6,741	495	508	736	554	531
Dec.	16,574	19,335	6,435	6,869	555	526	831	624	601
Jan.	15,244	19,191	6,176	6,907	604	588	967	679	686
Feb.	16,177	19,390	6,138	6,973	527	575	886	566	623
Mar.	18,275	19,715	6,717	6,873	580	570	815	564	549
Apr.	18,621	19,739	6,466	6,945	574	600	878	637	683
May	21,569	20,048	7,312	7,119	601	592	940	651	643

Period	Iron and steel - continued				Building materials				
	Blooms and slabs		Tinplate		Clay bricks		Roofing tiles (terracotta and concrete)	Asbestos cement sheets	Sawn Aust. grown timber (d)
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted			
	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	million	million	'000	'000 sq. metres	'000 cu. metres
1973-74p	6,491	..	326,744	..	2,030	..	240,242	44,010	3,339
1974-75p	6,215	..	311,023	..	1,698	..	200,080	41,982	3,431
1975-76p	5,566	..	282,241	..	1,834	..	218,645	41,752	3,462
1975-76p -									
Mar.	505	510	24,250	24,370	173	158	21,580	4,184	292
Apr.	372	403	26,388	26,302	161	166	18,733	3,327	296
May	455	471	28,172	28,173	167	161	20,720	3,335	309
June	487	504	26,854	27,441	173	162	19,964	4,523	345
1976-77p -									
July	494	478	27,101	27,104	176	166	20,563	3,390	305
Aug.	478	471	28,518	27,176	183	168	20,270	4,228	298
Sept.	462	442	25,535	25,881	181	167	21,781	4,226	318
Oct.	501	477	29,075	28,197	183	174	22,761	4,181	325
Nov.	458	435	28,977	27,762	193	179	22,850	4,415	292
Dec.	505	490	26,693	27,530	157	173	17,333	3,482	263
Jan.	483	482	29,856	29,059	108	184	8,008	1,154	195
Feb.	391	425	26,251	29,714	168	173	18,677	3,767	259
Mar.	517	520	29,932	29,629	181	165	20,454	3,590	278
Apr.	569	617	29,272	29,019	163	171	16,344	3,163	306
May	597	616	29,850	29,191	175	162	20,496	4,174	312

(a) Includes natural gas. (b) Gross wet weight. (c) Includes recovery from scrap. (d) Source: Australian Forestry and Timber Bureau. Figures are expressed in terms of green off sawn volumes.

**PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS, BUILDING FITTINGS,
FLOOR COVERINGS AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES**

Period	Building materials - continued							Building fittings		Floor coverings (a)		Household appliances	
	Portland cement		Plaster sheets (non acoustic)	Plaster of paris	Baths C.I.P.E. and other	Wash basins earthen ware	Sinks-stainless steel	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Electric blankets (including mattress overlays) (b)	Electric propeller type fans (complete) (c)		
	Original	Seasonally adjusted											
		'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 sq. m.	'000 tonnes	No.	No.	No.	'000 sq. m.	'000 sq. m.	No.	No.	
1973-74p	5,330	..	44,537	366	213,699	311,231	255,283	42,032	..	1,005,209	631,675		
1974-75p	5,086	..	41,911	336	174,565	273,883	205,533	31,468	..	737,580	616,358		
1975-76p	5,007	..	46,076	355	180,629	355,120	243,862	38,545	..	520,574	533,323		
1975-76p -													
Mar.	438	424	4,617	35.8	18,312	43,314	24,549	3,638	3,175	69,082	39,075		
Apr.	431	431	3,391		17,730	34,012	20,414	2,642	2,878	72,501	37,127		
May	454	427	4,197		14,850	30,927	22,644	3,073	2,897	65,492	38,704		
June	414	413	4,704		16,818	30,840	22,479	2,942	2,973	39,942	25,672		
1976-77 p -													
July	470	435	4,254	104.3	15,105	25,859	24,844	3,235	3,063	18,999	27,508		
Aug.	439	422	4,212		15,899	21,476	24,767	3,071	2,903	19,838	31,251		
Sept.	432	416	5,146		17,158	27,317	25,806	3,650	3,107	39,030	72,400		
Oct.	443	412	4,392		18,321	27,723	24,535	3,222	2,924	48,709	75,476		
Nov.	436	409	4,606	105.0	14,824	26,971	28,167	3,243	2,944	54,575	67,044		
Dec.	434	425	4,642		12,460	21,769	21,251	2,593	2,785	44,527	40,542		
Jan.	282	417	1,458		3,269	13,019	6,820	1,366	3,027	20,483	19,494		
Feb.	409	436	3,977		15,837	26,025	21,505	2,901	2,920	57,824	34,693		
Mar.	410	391	5,059	80.6	18,457	32,370	23,045	3,366	2,890	85,783	46,244		
Apr.	434	442	3,427		13,594	29,986	11,373	2,687	2,976	57,705	23,593		
May	421	389	4,545		17,519	30,092	22,280	2,642	2,432	80,674	29,649		

Household appliances - continued

Period	<i>Domestic cooking stoves</i>			<i>Domestic refrigerators</i>		<i>Domestic clothes washing machines</i>		<i>Hot water jugs and kettles</i>
	<i>Solid fuel</i>	<i>Gas (d) upright or elevated</i>	<i>Electric (e)</i>	<i>Original</i>	<i>Seasonally adjusted</i>	<i>Original</i>	<i>Seasonally adjusted</i>	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
1973-74p	5,151	108,832	332,683	271,263	..	380,970	..	530,623
1974-75p	4,751	106,301	307,626	222,016	..	314,816	..	543,890
1975-76p	4,184	109,608	335,570	240,276	..	354,779	..	655,371
1975-76p -								
Mar.	334	11,968	35,748	24,910	22,984	37,758	33,159	53,124
Apr.	284	9,950	29,660	19,510	23,712	24,069	29,928	55,357
May	443	8,506	28,763	17,781	21,017	28,556	27,513	55,702
June	391	7,458	28,475	22,482	24,809	28,765	28,121	69,439
1976-77p								
July	612	9,477	32,687	34,642	24,246	30,450	27,261	53,050
Aug.	314	9,062	31,236	26,302	24,838	29,886	27,123	53,799
Sept.	349	10,985	28,570	27,952	23,310	27,325	22,340	65,826
Oct.	341	9,237	30,231	26,723	23,918	28,337	25,966	66,684
Nov.	333	10,835	29,092	25,064	21,226	30,463	26,426	69,638
Dec.	272	7,510	22,105	16,054	15,855	21,223	24,898	64,469
Jan.	48	1,680	12,024	13,088	17,047	12,759	25,357	16,542
Feb.	225	9,322	25,017	21,717	22,385	22,742	24,182	37,592
Mar.	284	11,039	28,128	24,408	22,104	25,637	21,824	47,647
Apr.	246	10,100	19,196	15,479	19,568	16,908	21,820	42,707
May	351	10,394	23,825	21,599	25,210	26,632	25,190	46,415

(a) Excludes underfelts and underlays. (b) Excludes heating pads. (c) Excludes fans incorporated in other equipment or used with ducting. (d) Town, liquefied petroleum and natural gas stoves and ranges. Includes wall ovens. (e) Includes fixed ranges, wall ovens, cooking tops, grill boilers and other ranges.

**PRODUCTION OF HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES, ELECTRIC MOTORS, ENGINES,
DAIRY PRODUCTS, MEAT, AND POULTRY SLAUGHTERED**

Household appliances - continued											
Period	Radios and radiograms		Television sets (a)		Room air-conditioners (b)	Electric motors				Internal combustion engines - petrol (c)	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted		Under 1 hp		1 hp and over		Original	Seasonally adjusted
						Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted		
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	'000	'000	'000	'000	No.	No.	
1973-74p	908,609	..	456,831	..	73,082	4,315	..	274	..	510,816	..
1974-75p	284,718	..	465,401	..	73,466	4,083	..	415	..	374,230	..
1975-76p	80,164	..	531,806	..	52,245	3,765	..	317	..	358,790	..
1975-76p -											
Mar.	6,209	6,011	46,687	43,267	4,967	368	340	31.8	28.0	18,561	24,323
Apr.	4,401	5,540	42,530	44,392	3,291	284	333	25.9	29.6	15,909	21,771
May	3,228	3,356	34,508	32,449	3,087	293	300	24.8	24.2	11,085	21,274
June	4,277	4,492	43,730	41,971	4,059	323	305	23.2	25.9	25,981	42,423
1976-77p -											
July	4,145	3,815	44,652	40,758	4,932	280	269	28.5	27.1	25,881	25,104
Aug.	2,831	2,696	47,158	42,928	5,321	298	270	33.3	28.5	26,288	21,858
Sept.	3,402	2,838	53,245	46,146	6,664	305	262	30.7	26.9	42,539	28,634
Oct.	2,592	2,259	50,226	45,314	8,001	286	254	30.7	26.2	42,456	26,769
Nov.	3,135	2,214	54,884	47,599	8,044	321	270	31.6	27.1	37,964	25,991
Dec.	1,889	1,733	42,734	48,707	8,057	239	246	28.2	29.6	31,714	32,211
Jan.	1,020	2,524	18,917	48,982	3,951	98	193	8.8	24.7	17,675	24,693
Feb.	2,687	3,089	46,486	47,715	4,049	211	233	24.5	23.1	18,958	21,019
Mar.	2,801	2,724	47,882	42,601	5,290	260	233	29.5	25.9	16,166	21,581
Apr.	1,959	2,578	37,260	41,697	2,979	185	224	22.7	26.1	12,520	17,117
May	1,148	1,149	38,925	35,195	3,566	195	195	24.4	23.8	5,575	10,671

Period	Dairy products (factory production)					Meat (carcass weight)				Total		Dressed weight of poultry slaughtered (f)					
	Whole milk for all purposes		Processed full cream milk products		Beef and veal					Original	Seasonally adjusted						
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Butter (d)	Cheese (e)		Mutton	Lamb	Pigmeat									
	million litres	million litres	tonnes	tonnes	million litres (g)	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes					
1973-74	6,755.5	..	175,497	95,793	535.4	1,321.8	231.3	236.2	211.0	2,000.3	..	193.4					
1974-75	6,496.8	..	161,274	98,630	626.6	1,547.0	257.8	269.3	175.1	2,249.2	..	189.4					
1975-76	6,257.1	..	147,635	112,617	630.1	1,840.4	325.5	262.2	173.8	2,602.0	..	204.2					
1975-76 -																	
Mar.	392.2	482.5	7,556	7,075	41.5	170.1	32.1	23.0	14.9	240.2	228.7	17.1					
Apr.	292.8	456.8	4,355	5,253	30.7	160.9	29.4	21.9	14.1	226.2	242.7	17.5					
May	230.2	424.4	2,180	4,006	20.7	178.0	29.8	21.2	14.9	243.9	247.0	18.2					
June	224.1	429.2	2,130	3,382	21.2	172.6	25.5	21.6	15.2	234.9	225.5	17.9					
1976-77p -																	
July	293.9	439.5	3,807	4,671	38.8	171.4	23.7	22.0	16.1	233.1	223.1	19.3					
Aug.	430.5	446.0	8,160	7,854	55.6	157.6	23.0	21.1	16.0	217.8	220.0	17.3					
Sept.	573.7	467.2	12,498	10,464	83.2	160.5	25.3	22.4	15.9	224.0	210.6	16.8					
Oct.	723.1	483.5	17,364	13,152	102.7	148.2	25.8	22.5	14.7	211.2	200.5	17.8					
Nov.	770.3	497.3	19,595	13,992	99.6	140.0	29.3	24.4	15.9	209.5	205.6	17.1					
Dec.	724.6	494.3	17,236	13,235	110.9	136.7	31.3	20.2	16.5	204.6	209.9	18.3					
Jan.	593.9	489.4	13,610	11,634	72.4	137.8	29.5	18.5	12.5	198.3	234.4	16.5					
Feb.	442.6	493.7	8,645	8,749	57.9	163.5	32.9	19.1	13.5	229.0	244.4	16.1					
Mar.	409.6	510.8	7,884	7,188	49.1	183.1	29.7	19.9	16.3	248.9	232.8	18.4					
Apr.	308.7	481.4	4,720	5,402	32.1	163.8	22.4	17.5	14.5	218.1	236.8	18.0					
May	238.5	437.6	2,678	5,953	19.1	180.8	20.0	17.7	15.6	234.1	227.7	19.7					

(a) Includes combinations with radio and/or record player. (b) Includes package unit air conditioners. (c) Excludes motor car, motor cycle, truck, tractor, aero, etc., and marine engines. (d) Includes the butter equivalent of butter oil production. Source: Commonwealth Dairy Produce Equalisation Committee Ltd and State Departments of Agriculture. (e) As reported by Commonwealth Dairy Produce Equalisation Committee Ltd and by producers not within the equalisation scheme. (f) Dressed weight of all birds (chickens, other fowls, ducks and drakes, and turkeys) including pieces and giblets. (g) Whole milk equivalent.

PRODUCTION OF FLOUR, SUGAR, BEER, TOBACCO, CHEMICALS, MOTOR VEHICLES AND TYRES

Period	Chemicals and allied products											Paints	
	Wheaten flour	Refined sugar (a)	Beer (b)		Tobacco and cigarettes		Sulphuric acid (100%)		Super phosphate (d)	Sulphate of ammonia	Ready mixed paints and enamels	Lacquers nitro-cellulose	
			Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original (c)	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted					
	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	million litres	million litres	tonnes	tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	million litres	'000 litres	
1973-74p	1,193	718.5	1,901	..	30,720	..	2,428	..	5,318	244	97.7	6,081	
1974-75p	1,263	729.1	1,957	..	31,729	..	1,770	..	3,309	266	81.3	4,886	
1975-76p	1,240	723.2	1,932	..	31,161	..	1,295	..	2,157	220	91.0	4,909	
1975-76p -													
Mar.	107	64.3	182	162	2,885	2,491	153	155	331	16.31	8.85	444	
Apr.	95	56.7	159	166	2,443	2,383	161	146	308	16.19	7.34	421	
May	100	53.8	142	154	2,817	2,926	102	97	226	18.45	7.87	407	
June	104	50.1	133	158	2,731	2,728	107	119	130	17.26	7.99	409	
1976-77p -													
July	98	55.3	140	159	1,909	1,589	108	138	120	16.44	7.32	418	
Aug.	98	61.6	147	157	2,534	2,352	106	120	164	17.70	7.39	454	
Sept.	108	64.8	167	161	2,457	2,648	130	135	217	18.55	8.00	410	
Oct.	93	66.6	157	155	2,195	2,002	136	133	313	15.24	7.85	411	
Nov.	102	65.9	180	156	2,784	2,519	147	143	251	13.93	8.63	395	
Dec.	96	66.8	210	165	2,140	2,386	168	151	259	20.28	8.02	376	
Jan.	81	55.3	160	167	1,330	2,753	143	132	267	18.74	4.73	170	
Feb.	85	59.8	158	169	2,779	2,630	139	131	284	15.61	7.14	373	
Mar.	105	65.2	168	152	3,047	2,603	143	143	322	14.75	8.74	406	
Apr.	94	58.8	158	173	2,537	2,575	167	151	346	12.68	6.25	274	
May			152	158	2,964	2,927	174	167	348	13.66	7.63	366	
Motor vehicles (e)													
Period	Cars and station wagons		Utilities and panel vans		Trucks and truck-type vehicles		Total motor vehicles (f)		Pneumatic tyres-motor cycle, car, truck, aero, etc. (g)				
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Utilities	Panel vans	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	'000			
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.				
1973-74p	398,558	..	31,801	27,416	..	30,343	..	489,585	..	8,648			
1974-75p	361,389	..	30,295	29,503	..	32,759	..	456,167	..	7,501			
1975-76p	369,339	..	25,179	29,857	..	30,988	..	456,164	..	8,384			
1975-76p -													
Mar.	35,850	32,314	2,597	3,029	4,943	2,962	2,783	44,648	39,939	704			
Apr.	29,464	30,863	2,050	2,626	4,765	2,700	2,761	36,955	38,740	659			
May	35,950	32,562	2,491	2,764	4,420	2,923	2,664	44,294	39,492	751			
June	34,625	32,165	1,723	2,342	3,843	2,861	2,697	41,657	38,648	764			
1976-77p -													
July	32,752	31,103	1,819	2,324	3,902	2,915	2,681	39,965	38,228	704			
Aug.	32,645	36,702	2,219	2,286	4,066	3,102	2,669	40,382	37,516	822			
Sept.	39,380	32,043	2,810	2,968	4,658	3,700	2,965	48,990	39,848	732			
Oct.	35,709	32,342	2,113	2,632	4,668	2,928	2,776	43,508	39,299	710			
Nov.	38,205	33,976	2,741	3,070	5,372	3,068	2,967	47,236	42,349	720			
Dec.	28,543	32,539	1,984	2,494	5,541	2,515	2,906	35,631	40,995	652			
Jan.	8,100	25,394	530	771	3,944	931	2,479	10,340	33,671	251			
Feb.	29,545	30,171	1,965	2,019	4,038	2,688	2,809	36,255	37,133	645			
Mar.	33,671	29,374	2,596	1,962	3,998	3,055	2,835	41,325	35,858	659			
Apr.	26,963	30,286	1,656	1,489	3,204	2,277	2,371	32,437	36,576	537			
May	33,047	28,992	2,343	1,926	3,597	2,997	2,755	40,337	34,440	659			

(a) Source: Monthly figures, Department of Primary Industry. (b) Excludes waste beer. (c) Source: Department of Business and Consumer Affairs. (d) Includes double and triple superphosphate and ammonium phosphate expressed in terms of single superphosphate, i.e. 22% P₂O₅ equivalent. (e) Finished and partly finished motor vehicles. (f) Includes buses and ambulances. (g) Source: Australian Tyre Manufacturers Association Limited.

PRODUCTION OF WOOL, YARNS AND TEXTILES

Period	Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool (a)			Yarns (d)				
	Total receipts	Percentage of total received by brokers (b)	Scoured and carbonised wool (c)	Cotton		Wool		Cellulosic fibre (including mixtures) Original
				Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	
'000 tonnes	%	'000 tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	
1973-74p	624.4	81.2	52.4	30,731	..	24,540	..	3,125
1974-75p	729.2	81.5	51.8	23,463	..	17,903	..	1,396
1975-76p	686.9	76.5	69.9	25,793	..	22,439	..	2,338
1975-76p —								
Mar.	36.0	66.1	6.94	2,216	1,954	2,310	1,992	195
Apr.	31.0	63.1	17.65	2,052	2,190	1,755	1,885	88
May	44.6	77.4		2,252	2,073	1,842	1,778	142
June	34.1	72.0		2,298	2,008	1,861	1,677	169
1976-77p —								
July	44.8	71.7	17.71	2,090	1,914	1,808	1,680	129
Aug.	75.2	77.0		2,013	1,760	1,793	1,612	139
Sept.	93.3	80.4	17.69	1,964	1,773	1,854	1,631	212
Oct.	85.1	74.6		2,073	1,879	1,776	1,658	153
Nov.	85.1	76.7	19.73	1,909	1,795	1,812	1,678	118
Dec.	55.9	75.2		1,433	1,803	1,394	1,695	110
Jan.	30.1	74.7		669	1,632	655	1,500	60
Feb.	36.6	76.7		1,701	1,771	1,604	1,566	111
Mar.	38.7	75.3		1,844	1,635	1,732	1,487	104
Apr.	29.5	75.7		1,461	1,547	1,361	1,499	149
May	28.3	75.9		1,700	1,521	1,724	1,572	109

Textiles

Woven cloth (d) (e)

Period	Cotton (f)		Wool (g)		Cellulosic fibre		Synthetic fibre		Blankets (h)
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	
	'000 sq. metres	'000 sq. metres	'000 sq. metres	'000 sq. metres	'000 sq. metres	'000 sq. metres	'000 sq. metres	'000 sq. metres	
1973-74p	50,092	..	12,306	..	23,075	..	114,537	..	1,692
1974-75p	41,364	..	7,308	..	16,237	..	84,831	..	1,472
1975-76p	46,661	..	8,009	..	16,725	..	97,763	..	2,031
1975-76p —									
Mar.	4,163	3,946	876	683	1,499	1,427	9,082	8,614	210
Apr.	3,788	3,973	584	661	1,492	1,453	7,286	7,784	166
May	4,059	3,850	702	721	1,497	1,408	8,742	8,230	177
June	4,018	3,801	649	692	1,445	1,330	9,418	8,085	163
1976-77p —									
July	3,601	3,218	598	618	1,658	1,519	7,440	6,456	139
Aug.	3,641	3,334	521	545	1,464	1,354	8,216	7,376	138
Sept.	3,676	3,316	593	563	1,580	1,416	8,653	7,540	121
Oct.	4,221	3,488	587	540	1,567	1,390	8,464	7,955	131
Nov.	3,584	3,446	567	475	1,588	1,451	8,425	8,048	122
Dec.	2,922	3,183	475	500	1,310	1,537	7,268	9,044	92
Jan.	1,430	3,651	232	419	462	939	2,614	5,463	63
Feb.	3,278	3,397	573	507	1,423	1,599	9,157	9,482	138
Mar.	3,119	2,985	614	473	1,372	1,272	9,647	9,112	177
Apr.	2,742	2,892	439	507	1,264	1,248	7,491	8,178	151
May	3,403	3,212	461	445	1,396	1,323	9,682	9,020	165

(a) Amounts of taxable wool received by brokers and dealers from wool producers. (b) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (c) As from April 1976 published on a quarterly basis. (d) Includes mixtures predominantly of the fibre named. (e) Over 12 inches wide. (f) Excludes towels and towelling. (g) Excludes blanketing and rug material. (h) Prior to 1975-76 excludes tufted blankets.

PRODUCTION OF CLOTHING AND MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS

Clothing									
Period	Hosiery		MEN's and youths -				Underwear		Boots, shoes and sandals (c)
	Men's	Women's full length (a)	Short length coats and jackets (b)		Sports trousers	Shirts, mens' and boys'	Men's and boys'	Women's and girls'	
			Suit	Other					
1973-74p	2,169	7,664	1,085	922	5,872	2,697	2,968	4,731	37,753
1974-75p	1,743	6,763	876	754	4,416	2,281	2,461	3,667	27,074
1975-76p	2,007	6,316	825	1,148	4,344	2,861	2,125	3,647	30,017
1975-76p -									
Mar.	172	534	79.7	139.3	462	246	245	388	2,918
Apr.	153	485	71.6	122.3	396	205	200	311	2,341
May	142	470	74.8	132.2	367	215	186	351	2,373
June	160	508	70.5	104.2	344	253	232	350	2,274
1976-77p -									
July	179	549	71.7	82.9	345	257	198	303	2,422
Aug.	182	518	74.2	81.3	347	292	215	333	2,420
Sept.	190	550	72.8	78.9	378	311	237	334	2,297
Oct.	205	639	72.5	68.2	385	290	219	361	2,379
Nov.	186	634	78.2	66.5	348	246	220	377	2,409
Dec.	134	491	62.2	54.8	328	178	195	413	1,737
Jan.	75	209	19.6	35.2	139	72	55	171	1,146
Feb.	156	455	56.5	68.5	366	174	206	356	2,251
Mar.	167	510	65.2	89.6	445	184	249	355	2,575
Apr.	119	442	47.3	74.5	326	142	186	288	2,121
May	142	490							2,229

Period	Lawn mowers petrol (rotary)		Motor spirit (d)	Aviation turbine fuel (d)	Furnace fuel (d)	Plastics and synthetic resins (e)	Newsprint	Soap	Margarine	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted							Table	Other
	No.	No.	million litres	million litres	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
1973-74p	426,170	..	12,200	1,920	5,265	402	200,852	68,844	24,449	57,119
1974-75p	298,125	..	12,508	2,124	4,656	363	196,405	59,462	31,582	55,777
1975-76p	334,857	..	12,501	2,088	4,340	407	206,227	58,052	44,071	55,899
1975-76p -										
Mar.	18,604	22,348	974	159	310	38.6	18,346	5,361	4,667	3,722
Apr.	16,860	22,067	1,040	147	390	35.7	17,899	4,237	4,234	4,611
May	7,736	19,423	1,110	181	394	36.8	18,181	5,519	4,336	4,341
June	16,777	39,065	1,063	152	350	38.6	17,663	5,047	4,647	5,327
1976-77p -										
July	18,646	23,853	1,119	154	416	39.1	16,951	5,422	5,869	5,367
Aug.	25,121	21,538	1,214	162	502	40.3	17,868	5,442	5,902	4,408
Sept.	45,875	29,255	1,093	178	380	44.6	17,456	5,254	6,212	4,958
Oct.	44,287	25,101	929	169	353	38.7	18,167	5,543	6,629	4,487
Nov.	41,304	27,703	812	174	310	40.0	17,458	4,546	6,542	4,795
Dec.	36,710	35,118	1,120	211	449	35.3	13,587	4,033	5,320	3,612
Jan.	21,629	28,507	1,157	207	348	27.8	17,065	2,238	2,385	2,301
Feb.	20,369	20,476	1,099	198	392	40.7	16,375	5,531	5,045	3,370
Mar.	20,050	24,369	1,129	180	400	41.6	18,613	4,876	5,836	4,183
Apr.	14,691	19,108	1,145	174	306	35.3	17,337	3,870	5,711	4,118
May	5,301	13,209	1,185	160	360	41.7	18,069	5,131	6,873	4,785

(a) Includes panty hose. (b) Excludes plastic coats and dust coats. (c) Includes slippers of cemented, vulcanised-moulded rubber and injection-moulded plastic construction. (d) Source: Department of National Resources. (e) Liquid resins or emulsion forms are shown in terms of dry weight of resin content.

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES (a)

Period	Cars and station wagons		Other vehicles (excluding motor cycles)		Total (excluding motor cycles)		Motor cycles	Total motor vehicles
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted		
1973-74	464,990	--	107,694	--	572,684	--	85,249	657,933
1974-75	502,720	--	121,467	--	624,187	--	67,563	691,750
1975-76	454,637	--	129,726	--	584,363	--	60,017	644,380
1976-77p	447,165	--	134,697	--	581,862	--	50,286	632,148
1975-76 -								
May	42,347	38,324	12,656	11,683	55,003	50,007	4,696	59,699
June	42,610	43,010	13,679	12,772	56,289	55,782	4,227	60,516
1976-77 -								
July	38,231	36,261	11,855	10,969	50,086	47,230	4,279	54,365
Aug.	35,549	34,877	10,097	9,595	45,646	44,472	4,264	49,910
Sept.	37,837	36,698	11,246	11,044	49,083	47,742	4,517	53,600
Oct.	36,988	36,639	10,953	10,688	47,941	47,327	4,788	52,729
Nov.	40,278	40,243	12,420	12,085	52,698	52,328	5,817	58,515
Dec.	46,165	47,633	12,720	13,677	58,885	61,310	5,485	64,370
Jan.	31,627	38,709	9,908	12,530	41,535	51,239	4,250	45,785
Feb.	34,513	39,063	10,532	12,463	45,045	51,526	4,026	49,071
Mar.	38,453	33,550	11,590	10,483	50,043	44,033	3,503	53,546
Apr. r	29,303	30,284	8,803	9,229	38,106	39,513	2,975	41,081
May r	37,645	34,040	11,318	10,163	48,963	44,203	3,263	52,226
June p	40,576	39,911	13,255	12,546	53,831	52,457	3,119	56,950

(a) Registrations during period. Includes Government-owned vehicles except those belonging to the defence services. Excludes tractors, plant and equipment etc.

RAILWAYS AND SHIPPING

Period	Government railways				Shipping (a)					
	Goods and livestock				Overseas cargo				Interstate cargo shipped	
	Tonnes consigned	Net tonne-kilometres	Passenger journeys	Gross earnings	Shipped from Australian ports		Discharged at Australian ports		Tonnes	Cubic metres
					Tonnes	Cubic metres	Tonnes	Cubic metres		
	'000	million	million	\$ million	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
1973-74	87,341	28,329.3	373.6	691.1	150,471	3,071	23,055	7,641	29,471	3,033
1974-75	94,798	29,791.6	340.0	809.4	164,866	2,926	21,893	8,029	28,454	3,134
1975-76	95,039	30,809.3	317.2	939.8	156,133	2,488	19,718	7,170	28,241	2,937
1975-76 -										
Jan.	6,957	2,226.4	23.0	68.1	12,711	150	1,556	533	2,284	189
Feb.	7,567	2,431.8	29.8	77.3	12,345	144	1,601	555	1,846	232
Mar.	8,623	2,737.9	25.9	84.9	12,112	187	1,655	679	2,383	263
Apr.	7,989	2,583.7	24.1	83.8	12,713	197	1,765	581	2,317	263
May	8,149	2,684.5	27.8	81.1	15,198	168	1,741	680	2,479	278
June	9,163	2,877.4	24.6	91.3	15,377	187	1,503	602	1,938	241
1976-77 -										
July	8,227	2,635.1	29.2	91.8	14,849	145	1,715	635	2,533	207
Aug.	(b)8,077	(b)2,730.0	(b)26.0	(b)82.4	14,918	213	1,829	766	2,830	165
Sept.		(b)2,686.4	(b)28.3	(b)81.5	12,520	211	1,683	612	2,470	140
Oct.		(b)2,609.2	(b)24.3	(b)81.1	15,989	214	1,720	693	2,407	172
Nov.			(b)24.6	(b)82.3	12,743	154	1,559	626	2,107	156
Dec.			(b)25.0	(b)80.0	13,255	184	1,663	599	2,184	162
Jan.			(b)22.7	(b)78.8	14,790	178	2,073	511	2,483	123
Feb.					13,614	124	1,325	473	2,322	166

(a) Part of the shipping cargo is recorded in tonnes and part in cubic metres. As the total cannot be stated accurately as either tonnes or cubic metres each is recorded and published separately. (b) Excludes operations of the Tasmanian component of the A.N.R.

TELEPHONE AND TELEX SERVICES

Period	Telephone subscribers' services				Telex Services			
	Effective applications during period (a)	Services connected during period	Services cancelled during period	Services in operation at end of period	Effective applications during period (a)	Services connected during period	Services cancelled during period	Services in operation at end of period
	'000	'000	'000	'000				'000
1973-74	653.3	627.2	409.1	3,361	3,475	3,282	1,207	12.9
1974-75	560.3	573.5	387.7	3,539	3,360	3,375	1,469	14.8
1975-76	596.1	613.6	448.4	3,700	(b) 3,986	(c) 4,117	1,822	17.0
1975-76 -								
Apr.	48.4	51.0	36.9	3,670	346	368	149	16.6
May	52.4	54.6	40.4	3,684	388	416	173	16.8
June	53.6	56.8	40.9	3,700	386	400	155	17.0
1976-77 -								
July	53.7	49.8	37.5	3,713	287	361	167	17.2
Aug.	55.3	56.0	38.2	3,730	303	371	152	17.5
Sept.	54.7	54.1	36.4	3,748	415	354	143	17.7
Oct.	52.1	53.2	35.5	3,765	415	350	170	17.9
Nov.	54.8	56.0	37.9	3,783	342	388	170	18.1
Dec.	49.4	55.9	39.1	3,800	348	382	135	18.4
Jan.	53.2	48.0	39.0	3,809	335	304	164	18.6
Feb.	57.4	56.7	37.4	3,828	331	377	156	18.9
Mar.	61.4	61.2	40.8	3,849	516	374	140	19.0
Apr.	50.6	50.9	34.7	3,865	404	357	177	19.4
May	62.9	62.1	41.1	3,885	408	474		

(a) Demand for services, allowing for applications withdrawn during period. (b) From July 1975 includes in place services. (c) From July 1975 includes in place connections.

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

(\$ million)

CURRENT ACCOUNT

Period	Invisible credits					Invisible debits					Balance on current account
	Exports f.o.b.	Imports f.o.b.	Balance of trade	Transportation and travel	Property income	Transfers	Transportation and travel	Property income	Transfers	Other	
						Other					
1974-75	8,490	7,652	838	1,153	415	429	284	1,893	1,092	627	-936
1975-76	9,410	7,924	1,486	1,253	336	358	226	2,083	1,546	701	-1,098
1976-77	11,403	10,348	1,056	1,540	356	274	183	2,500	1,688	694	-1,878
1975-76 -											
Dec. qtr	2,293	1,905	388	327	87	99	67	480	400	225	-246
Mar. qtr	2,324	2,037	287	316	74	71	46	512	371	135	-341
June qtr	2,636	2,124	512	314	80	84	49	591	416	169	-242
1976-77 -											
Sept. qtr	2,862	2,394	468	342	82	62	41	601	420	176	-303
Dec. qtr	2,804	2,406	398	393	90	75	49	585	436	164	-271
Mar. qtr	2,800	2,793	7	404	90	70	47	614	393	171	-668
June qtr	2,938	2,755	183	401	95	68	47	700	439	183	-635

CAPITAL ITEMS

Period	Capital inflow					Monetary movements				
	Government		Private		Non official monetary sector trans-actions	Balancing item	Net apparent capital inflow	Change in official reserve assets	Other trans-actions	Net official monetary movements
	Securities	Other	Marketing authorities	Other						
1974-75	21	-53	-59	752	51	-241	471	-460	-4	-464
1975-76	46	-144	133	583	-25	-516	78	-1,053	32	-1,020
1976-77	347	-216	94	1,165	-10	6	1,386	-190	-302	-492
1975-76 -										
Dec. qtr	-62	-26	17	-42	-125	-239	-477	-738	14	-723
Mar. qtr	-14	-26	53	177	45	91	326	-37	22	-15
June qtr	163	-63	8	222	61	-144	247	-7	12	5
1976-77 -										
Sept. qtr	226	-54	51	22	-79	-130	36	42	-310	-268
Dec. qtr	137	-39	19	428	79	-361	263	-7	-1	-9
Mar. qtr	-7	-41	43	519	-10	281	804	127	9	136
June qtr	-8	-80	-19	(a)	(a)	216	284	-352	-	-352

(a) Not yet available, included in the balancing item.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT AND NATIONAL EXPENDITURE (a)
(\$ million)

Components of gross domestic product											
Gross domestic product at factor cost											
Period	Gross national expenditure	Plus Exports of goods and services	Less Imports of goods and services	Gross domestic product			Wages, salaries and supplements	Gross operating surplus			Indirect taxes less subsidies
				Farm	Non-farm	Total		Trading enterprises		Financial enterprises, etc. (b)	
								Companies	Other		
ORIGINAL											
1973-74	50,597	7,754	7,648	4,479	46,224	50,703	27,573	6,689	11,633	-506	5,314
1974-75	60,057	9,923	9,995	3,623	56,364	59,987	35,449	6,702	11,887	-652	6,601
1975-76	69,833	10,853	10,442	3,727	66,517	70,244	40,672	7,813	13,986	-694	8,467
1975-76 -											
Dec. qtr	19,091	2,686	2,496	1,811	17,470	19,281	10,637	2,233	4,573	-193	2,031
Mar. qtr	16,849	2,686	2,664	887	15,984	16,871	9,851	1,585	3,341	-158	2,252
June qtr	17,934	2,967	2,820	420	17,661	18,081	10,718	2,205	2,964	-177	2,371
1976-77 -											
Sept. qtr	19,326	3,246	3,096	815	18,661	19,476	11,060	2,446	3,914	-217	2,273
Dec. qtr	21,813	3,223	3,090	1,606	20,340	21,946	11,892	2,939	4,957	-162	2,320
Mar. qtr	19,631	3,260	3,511	1,185	18,195	19,380	10,941	2,044	4,080	-141	2,456
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED											
1975-76 -											
Dec. qtr	16,982	2,602	2,479	909	16,196	17,105	10,009	1,821	3,421	-180	2,034
Mar. qtr	17,983	2,733	2,759	965	16,992	17,957	10,241	2,038	3,605	-169	2,242
June qtr	18,686	2,980	2,867	976	17,823	18,799	10,723	2,214	3,773	-192	2,281
1976-77 -											
Sept. qtr	19,311	3,269	2,973	1,000	18,607	19,607	11,104	2,413	3,914	-204	2,380
Dec. qtr	19,824	3,133	3,060	971	18,926	19,897	11,260	2,445	4,016	-148	2,324
Mar. qtr	20,936	3,320	3,635	1,092	19,529	20,621	11,537	2,593	4,201	-152	2,442

(a) For concepts see *Quarterly Estimates of National Income and Expenditure* (Reference No. 7.5). (b) Financial enterprises less imputed bank service charge.

COMPONENTS OF GROSS NATIONAL EXPENDITURE (a)
(\$ million)

Period	Gross fixed capital expenditure										Gross national expenditure	
	Final consumption expenditure		Private					Public enterprises	General government	Increase in stocks		Statistical discrepancy
	Private	Government	Dwellings	Other building and construction	All other	Total private						
ORIGINAL												
1973-74	29,274	6,760	2,575	1,591	3,781	7,947	2,025	1,939	1,562	1,090	50,597	
1974-75	35,143	9,158	2,439	1,978	4,309	8,726	2,824	2,783	771	652	60,057	
1975-76	41,543	11,540	3,240	2,032	5,055	10,327	3,144	3,255	-172	196	69,833	
1975-76 -												
Dec. qtr	10,790	2,966	763	590	1,219	2,572	800	908	764	291	19,091	
Mar. qtr	10,124	2,715	833	409	1,155	2,397	654	679	147	133	16,849	
June qtr	10,962	3,276	946	510	1,515	2,971	971	936	-642	-540	17,934	
1976-77 -												
Sept. qtr	11,211	3,197	1,031	513	1,294	2,838	757	717	139	467	19,326	
Dec. qtr	12,501	3,480	1,039	520	1,634	3,193	860	894	733	152	21,813	
Mar. qtr	11,449	3,171	958	415	1,384	2,757	789	713	363	389	19,631	
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
1975-76 -												
Dec. qtr	10,180	2,829	760	524	1,154	2,438	764	841	-179	109	16,982	
Mar. qtr	10,558	2,938	872	488	1,306	2,666	697	799	299	26	17,983	
June qtr	10,983	3,115	939	492	1,403	2,834	902	791	32	29	18,686	
1976-77 -												
Sept. qtr	11,331	3,278	998	514	1,320	2,832	807	808	115	140	19,311	
Dec. qtr	11,802	3,316	1,034	462	1,549	3,045	820	828	104	-91	19,824	
Mar. qtr	12,002	3,432	1,003	495	1,565	3,063	838	840	282	479	20,936	

(a) For concepts see *Quarterly Estimates of National Income and Expenditure* (Reference No. 7.5).

VALUE OF MAIN AGGREGATES AT AVERAGE 1966-67 PRICES (a)
(\$ million)

Period	Final consumption expenditure		Gross capital expenditure		Increase in stocks	Statistical discrepancy	Gross national expenditure	Plus exports of goods and services	Less imports of goods and services	Expenditure on gross domestic product	Gross farm product	Gross non-farm product
	Private	Government	Private	Public								
	ORIGINAL											
1973-74	20,150	3,671	5,352	2,571	986	738	33,469	5,459	6,434	32,495	2,564	29,931
1974-75	20,778	3,906	4,801	2,953	561	387	33,386	5,845	6,515	32,716	2,802	29,913
1975-76	21,447	4,224	4,872	2,927	-121	115	33,464	5,965	6,170	33,260	3,021	30,240
1975-76 —												
Dec. qtr	5,637	1,076	1,231	795	304	141	9,184	1,491	1,505	9,170	1,225	7,945
Mar. qtr	5,095	991	1,114	599	85	62	7,946	1,518	1,539	7,926	726	7,200
June qtr	5,417	1,138	1,337	830	-279	-247	8,196	1,550	1,624	8,123	471	7,652
1976-77 —												
Sept. qtr	5,416	1,077	1,231	627	79	209	8,638	1,669	1,712	8,595	646	7,949
Dec. qtr	5,885	1,155	1,364	730	346	67	9,546	1,643	1,725	9,464	1,084	8,380
Mar. qtr	5,216	1,053	1,141	611	156	166	8,342	1,569	1,725	8,186	818	7,368
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
1975-76												
Dec. qtr	5,341	1,051	1,174	752	-103	-1	8,213	1,463	1,494	8,182	739	7,443
Mar. qtr	5,321	1,063	1,233	668	87	62	8,434	1,513	1,596	8,351	777	7,574
June qtr	5,403	1,076	1,269	735	31	46	8,560	1,560	1,644	8,477	760	7,716
1976-77 —												
Sept. qtr	5,468	1,094	1,231	687	129	36	8,644	1,691	1,648	8,688	761	7,927
Dec. qtr	5,579	1,126	1,310	688	98	-84	8,717	1,619	1,706	8,630	743	7,887
Mar. qtr	5,474	1,130	1,262	680	54	220	8,819	1,564	1,788	8,595	781	7,814

(a) For concepts see *Quarterly Estimates of National Income and Expenditure* (Reference No. 7.5)

FINANCE

NEW MONEY RAISED BY LISTED COMPANIES IN AUSTRALIA AND BY INDUSTRY GROUP (a)
(\$ million)

This table shows the net amount of cash transferred from the investing public to listed companies in Australia through the types of capital specified. For definitions see *New Capital Raisings by Companies Listed on Australian Stock Exchanges* (Reference No. 5.9). Excluded are charges in bank overdraft, loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market or deposits accepted by banks, insurance companies, pastoral companies or building societies.

Period	Manufacturing			Finance and property			Commerce		
	Shares	Debentures, registered notes, etc.	Total	Shares	Debentures, registered notes, etc.	Total	Shares	Debentures, registered notes, etc.	Total
1973-74	82.9	29.5	112.4	119.9	1,224.8	1,344.8	20.6	15.0	35.6
1974-75	84.3	368.1	452.2	18.1	421.6	439.6	36.0	89.2	125.2
1975-76	115.0	143.0	258.0	68.5	853.3	921.8	57.5	21.0	78.5
1975-76 —									
Dec. qtr	57.1	12.1	69.2	3.7	230.6	234.3	2.0	17.1	19.1
Mar. qtr	12.5	1.8	14.2	36.7	158.1	194.8	0.9	16.0	16.9
June qtr	32.2	80.0	112.2	17.3	259.4	276.7	52.9	(b) — 3.5	49.4
1976-77 —									
Sept. qtr	10.1	4.7	14.8	18.6	345.1	363.7	2.1	2.3	4.4
Dec. qtr	79.7	24.6	104.3	113.1	410.9	524.0	2.5	2.5	5.0
Mar. qtr	23.2	0.7	23.9	64.7	104.9	169.6	0.2	3.6	3.8

Period	Other industries			All industries		
	Shares	Debentures, registered notes, etc.	Total	Shares	Debentures, registered notes, etc.	Total
1973-74	42.4	19.5	62.0	265.6	1,288.9	1,554.5
1974-75	32.7	69.8	102.5	171.1	948.6	1,119.7
1975-76	91.3	77.4	168.7	332.3	1,094.7	1,427.0
1975-76 —						
Dec. qtr	2.1	35.8	37.9	64.9	295.6	360.5
Mar. qtr	4.7	13.9	18.6	54.8	189.8	244.6
June qtr	67.1	29.4	96.5	169.6	365.4	535.0
1976-77 —						
Sept. qtr	11.0	4.2	15.2	41.9	356.3	398.2
Dec. qtr	25.3	14.7	40.0	220.9	452.3	673.3
Mar. qtr	9.8	78.2	88.0	97.9	187.4	285.3

(a) Holding companies are classified according to the predominant activity of the group. (b) Excess of repayments over receipts of new money.

RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA, CENTRAL BANKING BUSINESS (INCLUDING NOTE ISSUE DEPARTMENT)
(\$ million)

Average of weekly figures	Notes on issue		Accounts of trading banks						Commonwealth Government securities			
	Held by public	Total	Statutory Reserve Deposit	Term Loan Fund	Farm Develop- ment Loan Fund	Other deposits of trading banks	Deposits of savings banks	Other li- abilities (a)	Gold and foreign ex- change	Treasury bills and Treasury notes		All other assets
										Other		
1974-75	2,061.9	2,373.9	462.2	22.9	19.8	9.7	1,056.9	1,200.3	3,110.9	146.5	1,041.4	1,094.5
1975-76	2,417.7	2,762.5	909.0	17.0	14.7	9.9	1,089.9	747.8	2,778.7	1,290.4	906.6	826.2
1976-77		3,171.8	1,303.6	35.5	25.3	8.4	1,213.4	1,255.3	2,612.1	1,758.3	2,189.7	715.7
1975-76 -												
May	2,534.2	2,904.2	898.8	4.9	8.4	9.4	1,023.3	653.6	2,364.4	823.2	1,249.5	1,315.8
June	2,554.9	2,920.2	840.5	11.5	15.0	12.3	1,014.1	772.9	2,432.8	877.6	1,451.9	1,070.8
1976-77 -												
July	2,591.9	2,962.1	781.4	28.6	24.8	8.3	1,103.2	1,036.9	2,585.7	902.4	1,825.6	877.2
Aug.	2,635.7	3,004.6	790.1	36.1	28.1	6.5	1,091.2	1,097.5	2,451.1	1,259.4	1,802.5	786.4
Sept.	2,676.4	3,045.4	806.5	58.0	40.6	7.5	1,103.0	1,169.2	2,344.0	1,859.9	1,709.8	562.8
Oct.	2,688.4	3,069.0	827.0	53.0	36.3	6.1	1,167.6	1,192.1	2,261.4	1,871.0	2,015.9	450.7
Nov.	2,703.6	3,098.6	933.7	48.4	32.9	7.6	1,193.0	1,138.3	2,077.4	1,923.7	2,293.2	406.6
Dec. (b)	2,867.5	3,345.0	1,037.9	42.8	31.0	10.2	1,371.5	1,507.2	2,593.4	2,330.6	2,393.4	312.5
Jan.	2,827.4	3,252.7	1,379.2	36.3	23.9	10.4	1,293.3	1,331.0	2,942.4	1,879.3	2,290.7	490.3
Feb.	2,777.5	3,192.4	1,680.1	34.6	22.4	16.0	1,343.3	1,269.0	2,985.5	1,952.2	2,173.0	721.9
Mar.	2,794.8	3,206.0	1,861.4	27.9	20.2	7.4	1,455.3	1,273.6	2,881.4	2,122.3	2,176.2	945.1
Apr.	2,887.6	3,310.5	1,879.6	23.1	18.4	8.3	1,330.5	1,281.2	2,843.5	2,048.1	2,247.3	985.2
May	2,868.5	3,274.6	1,847.2	21.4	16.4	6.3	1,073.1	1,337.0	2,786.5	1,482.2	2,600.2	980.4
June	2,887.4	3,293.1	1,704.2	16.9	10.1	6.9	1,044.6	1,408.9	2,596.7	1,433.8	2,735.5	983.7

(a) Includes Special Reserve - I.M.F. Special Drawing Rights. Excludes capital and reserves. (b) Excludes one Wednesday.

RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA, RURAL CREDITS DEPARTMENT : ADVANCES

Average of weekly figures	\$ million	Average of weekly figures	\$ million
1974-75	200.2	1976-77 -	
1975-76	258.5	Oct.	111.8
		Nov.	105.7
1975-76 -		Dec. (a)	123.1
May	324.2	Jan.	263.6
June	208.9	Feb.	504.3
1976-77 -		Mar.	643.3
July	183.6	Apr.	640.4
Aug.	204.1	May	637.6
Sept.	123.6	June	586.7

(a) Excludes one Wednesday.

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT BANK OF AUSTRALIA : ADVANCES
(\$ million)

<i>Average of weekly figures</i>	<i>Hire purchase</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Average of weekly figures</i>	<i>Hire purchase</i>	<i>Other</i>
1974-75	63.8	262.4	1976-77 -		
1975-76	63.2	288.0	Oct.	71.4	297.8
1976-77	77.2	303.8	Nov.	74.0	295.1
			Dec. (a)	78.0	304.4
1975-76 -			Jan.	80.0	301.7
May	65.6	284.4	Feb.	79.2	300.7
June	68.3	301.0	Mar.	78.9	304.6
1976-77 -			Apr.	83.0	305.1
July	71.7	304.3	May	85.2	304.2
Aug.	70.9	305.7	June	89.7	316.0
Sept.	70.5	302.9			

(a) Excludes one Wednesday.

MAJOR TRADING BANKS (a) : SELECTED LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA (b)
(\$ million)

Average of weekly figures	Deposits				Coin, bullion, notes and cash with Reserve Bank	Commonwealth and State Government securities		Loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market	Statutory reserve deposit account with Reserve Bank	Loans, advances and bills discounted (c)			
	Fixed	Current	Original	Seasonally adjusted		Treasury bills and Treasury notes	Other			Original	Seasonally adjusted		
												Total	
1974-75	7,260	5,449	12,709	..	274.6	752.6	2,118.4	143.7	455.8	9,348	..		
1975-76	8,585	6,547	15,132	..	311.5	658.2	3,079.4	120.5	895.9	10,344	..		
1976-77	10,286	7,023	17,309	..	357.3	591.3	3,609.3	129.7	1,287.7	1,161.6	..		
1975-76 -													
May	8,790	6,558	15,348	15,561	326.8	241.9	3,242.5	126.4	884.9	10,951	10,738		
June	8,705	6,680	15,385	15,941	325.2	169.4	3,183.5	122.7	827.5	11,017	10,835		
1976-77 -													
July	9,073	6,541	15,614	16,301	331.0	144.2	3,428.9	157.7	769.1	11,123	10,960		
Aug.	9,405	6,553	15,958	16,607	325.3	79.5	3,627.4	123.6	777.8	11,231	11,217		
Sept.	9,769	6,687	16,456	16,856	321.3	162.2	3,687.2	111.5	794.5	11,369	11,426		
Oct.	10,146	6,685	16,831	16,991	335.1	332.1	3,639.4	121.4	815.5	11,791	11,723		
Nov.	10,306	6,821	17,127	17,194	349.6	440.9	3,608.6	165.0	920.7	11,787	11,897		
Dec. (d)	10,396	7,312	17,708	17,339	428.0	646.8	3,711.5	205.7	1,023.2	11,741	11,904		
Jan.	10,655	7,367	18,022	17,375	380.6	1,190.4	3,696.5	140.5	1,362.2	11,578	11,664		
Feb.	11,024	7,489	18,514	17,654	373.6	1,462.5	3,752.4	165.9	1,659.9	11,288	11,531		
Mar.	11,149	7,479	18,629	17,893	359.5	1,500.9	3,792.0	97.2	1,841.5	11,425	11,622		
Apr.	10,880	7,281	18,161	17,776	375.4	854.9	3,702.5	59.6	1,860.0	11,836	11,633		
May	10,456	6,945	17,401	17,628	357.4	261.9	3,369.6	125.6	1,827.8	12,013	11,778		
June	10,129	7,069	17,198	17,828	358.2	37.7	3,305.8	102.5	1,685.7	12,177	11,977		

(a) Commonwealth Trading Bank, Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Ltd., The Bank of Adelaide, Bank of New South Wales, The Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd, The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd, and The National Bank of Australasia Ltd. (b) Includes External Territories. (c) Excludes loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market. (d) Excludes one Wednesday.

MAJOR TRADING BANKS (a) : RATIOS OF SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS WITHIN AUSTRALIA (b)
(per cent)

Average of weekly figures	Liquid assets and Commonwealth Government securities				Statutory reserve deposit account with Reserve Bank	Loans advances and bills discounted (c)	Deposits not bearing interest
	Cash and cash at Reserve Bank	Treasury bills and Treasury notes	Other Commonwealth and State Government securities	Total			
1974-75	2.2	5.9	16.7	24.8	3.6	73.6	38.6
1975-76	2.1	4.4	20.4	26.8	5.9	68.4	38.5
1976-77	2.1	3.4	20.9	26.3	7.4	67.1	36.3
1975-76 -							
May	2.1	1.6	21.1	24.8	5.8	71.4	38.3
June	2.1	1.1	20.7	23.9	5.4	71.6	38.5
1976-77 -							
July	2.1	0.9	22.0	25.0	4.9	71.2	37.3
Aug.	2.0	0.5	22.7	25.3	4.9	70.4	36.6
Sept.	2.0	1.0	22.4	25.3	4.8	69.1	36.3
Oct.	2.0	2.0	21.6	25.6	4.9	70.1	35.5
Nov.	2.0	2.6	21.1	25.7	5.4	68.8	35.8
Dec. (d)	2.4	3.7	21.0	27.0	5.8	66.3	37.2
Jan.	2.1	6.6	20.5	29.2	7.6	64.2	36.7
Feb.	2.0	7.9	20.3	30.2	9.0	61.0	36.3
Mar.	1.9	8.1	20.4	30.3	9.9	61.3	36.1
Apr.	2.1	4.7	20.4	27.2	10.2	65.2	35.9
May	2.1	1.5	19.4	22.9	11.5	69.0	35.7
June	2.1	0.2	19.2	21.5	9.8	70.8	36.3

(a) See footnote (a) page 39. (b) Includes External Territories. (c) Excludes loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market. (d) Excludes one Wednesday.

MAJOR TRADING BANKS (a) : NEW AND INCREASED LENDING COMMITMENTS AND OVERDRAFT LIMITS
(Source: Reserve Bank of Australia)
(\$ million)

Weekly average for period ending second Wednesday of -	New and increased lending commitments (b)				Overdraft limits (c)		
	Term loan approvals	Farm development loan approvals	Overdraft approvals	Total approvals	Cancellations and reductions (d)	Net movement in limits	Overdraft limits outstanding (e) (end of period)
Year to July -							
1975	6.6	1.3	82.9	90.8	53.5	29.4	11,968.4
1976	6.1	2.0	95.9	104.1	66.6	29.3	13,523.3
1975-76 -							
May	3.3	2.3	100.1	105.7	57.5	42.6	13,312.1
June	5.5	1.8	102.5	109.8	77.9	24.5	13,410.3
1976-77 -							
July	7.6	2.0	101.1	110.7	78.5	22.6	13,523.3
Aug.	5.8	2.4	93.0	101.2	74.7	18.2	13,596.2
Sept.	2.7	2.5	100.7	106.0	75.7	25.0	13,696.3
Oct.	4.7	2.6	97.9	105.2	62.9	35.0	13,871.4
Nov.	5.5	3.1	108.7	117.2	75.1	33.6	14,005.7
Dec.	11.2	2.9	101.9	116.0	65.1	36.8	14,153.0
Jan.	7.5	2.9	89.4	99.9	69.5	19.9	14,252.3
Feb.	6.9	2.4	85.2	94.5	82.7	2.6	14,262.5
Mar.	7.9	3.0	89.6	100.5	72.4	17.2	14,331.3
Apr.	3.2	2.6	91.5	97.3	53.2	38.1	14,431.2
May	8.0	3.0	94.0	105.0	65.5	28.6	14,545.5
June	6.4	3.3	98.7	108.3	83.9	14.8	14,604.6

(a) See footnote (a) on page 39. (b) Excludes commitments in respect of temporary advances to woolbuyers and informal arrangements entered into, mainly with other financial institutions for meeting temporary needs. Includes commitments not subject to maximum overdraft rate. (c) Excludes commitments in respect of term loans and farm development loans. (d) Derived by subtracting weekly average of change in overdraft limits outstanding from overdraft approvals. Figures are approximations only due to unavoidable differences in the basis of computation of the two series. (e) Due to change in reporting procedures, data from April 1977 are not comparable with previous months.

ALL TRADING BANKS (a) : SELECTED LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA (b)
(\$ million)

Average of weekly figures	Deposits				Coin, bullion, notes and cash with Reserve Bank	Commonwealth and State Government securities		Loans to authorised dealers in the short- term money market	Statutory reserve deposit account with Reserve Bank	Loans (other than loans to authorised dealers in the short- term money market), advances and bills discounted
	Fixed	Current		Total		Treasury bills and Treasury notes	Other			
		Bearing interest	Not bearing interest							
1974-75	8,004.8	682.0	5,185.8	13,872.5	291.3	780.8	2,268.0	187.1	462.2	10,629.6
1975-76	9,587.2	861.4	6,160.7	16,609.4	330.4	698.6	3,285.8	157.5	909.0	11,793.2
1976-77	11,550.4	907.7	6,660.7	19,118.8	380.6	641.1	3,852.9	165.2	1,303.6	13,328.7
1975-76 --										
May	9,860.1	815.0	6,219.0	16,894.2	347.3	262.3	3,473.1	150.2	898.8	12,497.3
June	9,775.4	930.0	6,250.9	16,956.3	345.6	191.0	3,410.9	182.3	840.5	12,559.5
1976-77 --										
July	10,235.9	872.7	6,147.4	17,256.0	350.4	164.0	3,664.1	198.7	781.4	12,722.4
Aug.	10,603.5	864.1	6,172.8	17,640.3	345.5	97.7	3,864.3	155.8	790.1	12,857.8
Sept.	10,968.6	873.3	6,315.4	18,157.2	341.5	184.3	3,927.6	156.8	806.5	12,995.1
Oct.	11,385.9	867.9	6,327.4	18,581.2	355.6	347.5	3,884.1	154.7	827.0	13,480.5
Nov.	11,575.9	864.7	6,487.2	18,927.8	371.5	462.4	3,850.4	203.2	933.7	13,504.6
Dec. (c)	11,649.3	908.1	6,974.4	19,531.8	467.6	689.4	3,946.1	247.0	1,037.9	13,440.1
Jan.	11,938.8	925.7	7,021.4	19,886.0	405.9	1,278.6	3,932.5	182.8	1,379.2	13,295.3
Feb.	12,311.1	955.5	7,139.8	20,406.3	397.7	1,562.4	3,994.2	208.0	1,680.1	13,013.1
Mar.	12,451.5	935.8	7,149.0	20,536.4	382.8	1,601.3	4,037.5	121.8	1,861.4	13,185.7
Apr.	12,178.6	927.0	6,916.2	20,021.7	398.3	927.7	3,947.8	76.7	1,879.6	13,605.2
May	11,785.5	885.7	6,606.2	19,277.3	379.4	313.6	3,624.5	150.0	1,847.2	13,814.4
June	11,462.7	992.3	6,640.8	19,095.8	379.9	78.8	3,567.9	144.8	1,704.2	13,985.3

(a) Covers the major trading banks, and in addition Bank of New Zealand, Bank of Queensland Limited, Banque Nationale de Paris, the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales, State Bank of South Australia and the Rural Department of the Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia. (b) Includes External Territories. (c) Excludes one Wednesday.

ALL TRADING BANKS : DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS (a)
(Excluding debits to Australian Government Accounts at city branches in State capitals)
(\$ million)

Average of weekly figures	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total
1974-75	3,805.9	2,898.8	817.9	456.6	515.9	119.4	22.7	78.6	8,715.6
1975-76	4,462.0	3,808.0	1,027.4	578.0	680.0	150.2	27.8	118.1	10,851.5
1976-77	5,156.3	4,588.4	1,230.7	690.0	814.4	179.8	35.6	138.7	12,833.8
1975-76 -									
May	5,025.6	4,256.8	1,189.9	645.9	770.5	167.7	30.3	122.2	12,208.9
June	5,079.1	4,442.3	1,209.5	676.9	756.5	173.8	32.8	152.4	12,523.2
1976-77 -									
July	4,621.9	4,110.2	1,157.9	629.9	750.9	169.7	33.6	118.1	11,592.2
Aug.	4,913.0	4,161.6	1,118.0	618.7	714.8	164.1	31.1	112.3	11,833.6
Sept.	5,009.5	4,223.1	1,193.9	621.2	729.4	168.4	41.1	115.8	12,102.3
Oct.	4,733.5	4,252.4	1,195.4	619.4	772.6	171.9	32.4	114.0	11,891.6
Nov.	5,219.0	4,654.7	1,210.4	713.5	787.9	185.6	33.1	137.2	12,941.5
Dec.	5,409.9	4,818.6	1,259.8	736.5	855.2	202.1	66.8	172.7	13,521.7
Jan.	4,997.5	4,476.7	1,209.0	652.1	834.0	160.5	25.3	164.5	12,519.4
Feb.	5,004.6	4,407.4	1,197.5	704.6	836.2	171.5	28.4	143.8	12,494.0
Mar.	5,362.4	4,760.4	1,204.6	725.4	855.2	185.8	29.0	134.3	13,257.0
Apr.	5,363.9	4,569.9	1,212.8	692.4	837.7	188.0	28.2	122.5	13,015.3
May	5,646.1	5,252.4	1,284.8	748.4	909.2	200.9	33.5	173.6	14,249.0
June	5,443.8	5,209.3	1,421.8	789.7	875.5	184.0	36.3	150.7	14,111.2

(a) Includes the banks listed in footnote (a) above, the Rural Credits Department of the Reserve Bank and the Commonwealth Development Bank.

SAVINGS BANKS : SELECTED ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA (a)
(\$ million)

At end of -	Coin, bullion and notes	Deposits with Reserve Bank	Deposits with trading banks	Commonwealth and State Government securities (b)	Local and semi-government securities	Loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market	Loans, advances and bills discounted	
							Housing	Other
June 1973	23.0	1,326.0	226.0	2,808.8	2,437.4	124.0	3,047.2	310.0
June 1974	27.3	1,052.7	230.3	2,940.6	2,830.3	51.9	3,672.8	513.3
June 1975	32.6	907.6	391.0	2,962.1	(c)3,285.2	80.2	4,717.4	(c)573.6
1975-76 -								
Apr.	36.4	1,136.9	293.9	2,969.6	3,854.7	37.3	5,816.1	685.8
May	39.1	1,005.7	270.1	2,998.1	3,870.1	49.9	5,919.4	707.4
June	40.4	1,053.8	266.2	2,824.7	3,893.6	70.1	6,049.7	695.3
1976-77 -								
July	36.4	1,111.2	261.0	2,833.5	3,898.3	108.3	6,145.3	717.5
Aug.	38.8	1,082.8	285.8	2,917.9	3,972.0	121.9	6,232.9	722.4
Sept.	33.5	1,126.2	359.4	3,015.8	4,047.9	60.8	6,405.5	717.8
Oct.	32.8	1,172.2	287.6	3,052.4	4,112.8	73.4	6,490.2	749.3
Nov.	50.4	1,216.5	256.9	3,035.6	4,195.0	50.7	6,582.8	739.2
Dec.	52.8	1,426.5	241.5	2,750.1	4,273.4	61.3	6,725.7	757.6
Jan.	38.9	1,306.9	240.0	2,913.4	4,302.7	26.7	6,769.7	708.1
Feb.	45.7	1,381.9	224.7	2,975.6	4,344.5	36.2	6,843.6	729.5
Mar.	34.1	1,434.5	165.4	2,819.1	4,386.3	31.5	7,003.8	752.9
Apr.	40.6	1,250.5	202.0	2,808.1	4,404.2	52.8	7,090.5	754.8
May	43.8	1,042.1	154.6	2,893.3	4,426.8	53.7	7,172.1	771.2

(a) Includes External Territories. (b) Includes Treasury bills and Treasury notes. (c) Data from June 1975 have been revised to reflect a change in accounting procedures by one bank.

SAVINGS BANKS : DEPOSITORS' BALANCES
(\$ million)

At end of -	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia	
									Original (a)	Seasonally adjusted
June 1973	3,294.3	3,538.8	1,319.9	1,060.4	608.1	289.0	37.9	89.5	10,237.9	10,246.0
June 1974	3,503.7	3,930.1	1,428.4	1,174.8	685.0	328.0	45.1	100.4	11,195.6	11,216.5
June 1975	3,835.9	(b)4,668.5	1,618.2	1,394.6	779.4	382.3	71.4	118.2	(b)12,868.5	(b)12,891.2
1975-76 -										
Apr.	4,183.1	5,183.7	1,864.3	1,565.5	873.1	423.3	74.0	126.9	14,294.0	14,517.3
May	4,248.7	5,245.3	1,889.3	1,573.6	881.2	425.9	74.2	129.2	14,467.4	14,680.1
June	4,348.9	5,377.6	1,940.3	1,617.3	897.7	430.6	76.3	133.8	14,822.5	14,828.0
1976-77 -										
July	4,390.7	5,442.1	1,968.0	1,634.3	906.9	435.6	75.3	132.8	14,985.8	15,022.0
Aug.	4,456.0	5,511.0	2,001.6	1,653.8	922.1	444.7	77.2	134.6	15,201.1	15,185.5
Sept.	4,536.6	5,627.1	2,045.9	1,676.0	944.4	453.4	78.6	138.9	15,501.0	15,348.1
Oct.	4,571.8	5,698.6	2,056.6	1,686.0	943.5	456.0	78.6	138.0	15,629.1	15,462.4
Nov.	4,584.1	5,735.3	2,065.9	1,695.9	945.4	457.2	77.7	138.5	15,700.0	15,566.9
Dec.	4,606.0	5,810.1	2,076.5	1,719.4	948.9	457.9	76.5	138.5	15,833.8	15,757.7
Jan.	4,622.2	5,795.1	2,073.7	1,728.1	953.6	461.0	74.7	136.7	15,845.1	15,828.5
Feb.	4,678.9	5,897.0	2,101.8	1,760.5	965.1	471.5	75.5	140.0	16,090.3	16,050.2
Mar.	4,647.5	5,866.1	2,073.1	1,739.2	954.9	469.8	74.2	139.8	15,964.5	16,023.9
Apr.	4,646.3	5,856.1	2,059.1	1,738.1	945.7	467.3	73.4	137.6	15,913.6	16,174.2
May	4,698.7	5,856.9	2,094.2	1,735.3	950.0	470.0	73.2	138.5	16,016.9	16,244.0

(a) Interest added 1972-73, \$315.8m; 1973-74, \$404.0m; 1974-75, \$513.9m; 1975-76, \$613.4m. (b) Data from June 1975 have been revised to reflect a change in accounting procedures by one bank.

The following series of statistics cover the main types of lending by finance companies in Australia, including instalment credit for retail sales, personal loans, wholesale finance, factoring, other consumer and commercial loans, leasing and bills of exchange. Definitions of items and information on the relationship of this series with the finance companies series prior to July 1973 are contained in the annual bulletin *Finance Companies Assets, Liabilities, Income and Expenditure 1970-71 to 1974-75* (Reference No. 5.40). More detailed statistics are also contained in the monthly bulletin *Finance Companies* (Reference No. 5.14) and a further dissection of "amount financed" by purpose of loan for instalment credit for retail sales provided by finance companies is given in the monthly bulletin *Instalment Credit for Retail Sales* (Reference No. 5.46).

FINANCE COMPANIES : AMOUNT FINANCED CLASSIFIED BY FINANCE AGREEMENT
($\$$ million)

Other consumer and commercial loans										
Period	Instalment credit for retail sales	Personal loans (a)	Wholesale finance	Factoring	Finance for housing			Other commercial loans		Total amount financed
					Purchase of existing housing	Construction of housing (b)	Purchase of individual residential blocks of land	Construction other than housing	Other purposes (c)	
AUSTRALIA										
1973-74	1,146.2	341.5	1,845.6	152.0	544.8	671.4	273.9	439.1	1,842.2	7,256.9
1974-75	1,154.5	335.5	2,143.5	183.2	179.1	304.6	90.2	299.0	1,031.8	5,721.3
1975-76	1,394.4	508.9	2,873.6	237.4	418.1	439.4	132.4	421.8	1,222.4	7,648.6
1975-76 -										
Apr.	124.2	43.7	258.2	21.2	45.4	43.1	11.8	28.9	123.0	699.5
May	126.4	47.4	298.0	20.4	45.8	45.1	11.6	41.9	118.3	754.9
June	132.4	50.7	288.8	19.8	54.5	51.5	14.4	39.2	143.0	794.4
1976-77 -										
July	130.7	47.9	289.8	17.7	47.2	53.7	14.7	51.4	132.4	785.5
Aug.	124.7	48.3	299.0	20.5	47.6	47.3	13.1	40.2	91.8	732.6
Sept.	128.2	49.5	322.9	21.7	38.3	47.4	13.5	43.0	104.5	768.9
Oct.	130.7	53.5	347.4	20.7	40.7	47.2	15.1	40.9	121.8	818.0
Nov.	135.8	61.8	337.4	22.8	42.2	47.1	14.2	44.7	119.0	825.1
Dec.	144.7	55.7	368.0	23.2	56.1	53.7	16.3	57.4	121.0	896.1
Jan.	111.2	41.1	251.4	11.8	32.6	25.6	9.7	33.0	81.3	597.7
Feb.	118.4	50.0	297.7	20.8	39.8	36.7	12.9	42.5	99.4	718.2
Mar.	135.1	57.1	360.9	25.4	45.3	39.4	13.6	44.9	108.2	829.9
Apr.	118.3	48.8	301.2	19.5	42.2	35.8	12.6	52.7	133.7	764.7
May	135.9	59.2	355.8	22.7	43.4	41.0	11.9	60.4	129.1	859.5
STATES - APRIL 1977										
N.S.W.	42.6	19.8	103.4	7.8	10.4	7.6	3.3	17.5	47.3	259.6
Vic.	25.6	14.5	76.4	9.4	10.8	10.6	1.5	22.0	57.6	228.2
Qld.	18.2	6.5	43.1	(d)	6.1	4.8	4.2	5.2	12.4	100.6
S.A.	10.9	(e)3.7	(e)32.8	(d)	7.4	7.5	1.7	0.9	4.2	68.0
W.A.	11.8	2.1	35.9	(d)	5.8	3.3	1.6	5.1	8.4	73.8
Tas.	5.0	0.8	9.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	18.5
N.T.	1.0	(e)	(e)	..	1.0	0.8	0.2	0.4	1.8	2.8
A.C.T.	3.0	1.4	2.8	..	0.7	1.3	0.1	1.8	2.1	13.1
STATES - MAY 1977										
N.S.W.	47.6	23.3	117.7	8.4	12.6	9.3	3.2	16.3	45.7	284.0
Vic.	30.2	18.1	93.4	11.2	11.1	14.2	2.0	22.7	46.6	249.5
Qld.	21.5	7.6	52.1	(d)	6.4	4.6	3.3	6.0	13.0	114.4
S.A.	12.3	(e)5.1	(e)36.6	(d)	6.9	6.7	1.5	1.7	5.4	74.8
W.A.	14.3	2.5	43.1	(d)	4.5	3.8	1.6	11.5	13.4	94.7
Tas.	5.5	1.1	11.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	22.0
N.T.	1.2	(e)	(e)	..	0.9	0.8	0.3	0.4	2.5	3.9
A.C.T.	3.3	1.6	4.4	..	1.0	1.5	0.1	1.7	2.6	16.2

(a) Includes loans to persons for alterations or additions estimated to cost less than \$10,000 to existing dwelling units. (b) Includes loans to persons for alterations or additions estimated to cost \$10,000 or more to existing dwelling units. (c) Includes loans for the purpose of developing tracts of land into residential blocks. (d) Not available separately; included in "wholesale finance". (e) Northern Territory included in South Australia.

FINANCE COMPANIES : BALANCES OUTSTANDING CLASSIFIED BY FINANCE AGREEMENT
(\$ million)

(\$ million)									
Other consumer and commercial loans									
At end of	Instalment credit for retail sales	Personal loans	Wholesale finance	Factoring	Finance for housing		Other commercial loans		Total all contracts
					Contracts including charges	Contracts excluding charges	Contracts including charges	Contracts excluding charges	
AUSTRALIA									
1973-74	1,761.9	524.0	284.4	41.0	1,437.9	1,006.1	712.1	2,070.8	7,838.1
1974-75	1,922.0	579.7	357.7	45.1	1,260.3	981.4	715.7	2,242.8	8,104.8
1975-76	2,255.2	779.2	588.7	51.3	1,368.4	1,021.5	948.1	2,222.9	9,235.3
1975-76 -									
Apr.	2,185.7	738.6	554.9	55.1	1,298.7	970.0	856.1	2,193.3	8,852.5
May	2,210.0	757.7	591.4	54.0	1,328.1	990.6	907.5	2,209.5	9,048.7
June	2,255.2	779.2	588.7	51.3	1,368.4	1,021.5	948.1	2,222.9	9,235.3
1976-77 -									
July	2,297.7	795.2	604.0	48.6	1,410.8	1,027.7	971.2	2,235.7	9,390.8
Aug.	2,329.0	813.1	661.6	52.8	1,439.6	1,043.5	986.7	2,244.4	9,570.8
Sept.	2,362.6	831.2	709.2	56.2	1,459.6	1,058.7	1,000.3	2,278.9	9,756.7
Oct.	2,401.2	857.4	759.8	58.6	1,479.3	1,074.0	1,005.0	2,312.1	9,947.2
Nov.	2,438.2	889.6	787.9	58.3	1,486.6	1,085.5	1,033.7	2,340.6	10,120.2
Dec.	2,491.7	912.8	808.9	59.2	1,517.6	1,090.1	1,059.4	2,348.8	10,288.4
Jan.	2,520.9	924.5	784.1	51.6	1,532.5	1,096.0	1,073.1	2,303.4	10,286.0
Feb.	2,541.6	942.3	805.0	52.7	1,555.2	1,106.7	1,057.6	2,357.1	10,418.4
Mar.	2,555.1	960.3	840.6	60.2	1,579.6	1,075.2	1,104.2	2,366.8	10,542.1
Apr.	2,578.7	976.7	871.9	62.5	1,608.3	1,077.3	1,119.6	2,457.0	10,752.1
May	2,603.8	995.8	895.6	62.5	1,632.8	1,086.6	1,095.8	2,532.1	10,905.0
STATES - APRIL 1977									
N.S.W.	901.6	407.7	278.0	22.6	441.8	383.1	365.6	1,181.3	3,981.7
Vic.	562.4	299.9	235.7	32.5	312.7	311.9	266.1	791.5	2,812.7
Qld.	448.2	124.2	138.8	(a)	469.4	150.7	210.4	275.7	1,817.4
S.A. (b)	264.5	75.4	83.0	(a)	220.9	110.4	94.3	47.6	895.9
W.A.	243.0	34.8	118.9	(a)	107.6	72.1	131.7	81.9	790.1
Tas.	94.4	9.7	17.5	(a)	2.5	12.3	27.7	7.3	171.4
N.T.	(b)	(b)	(b)	--	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
A.C.T.	64.6	25.1	7.5	--	53.4	36.9	23.9	71.6	282.8
STATES - MAY 1977									
N.S.W.	907.5	414.8	280.4	21.8	440.7	390.0	324.7	1,226.4	4,006.3
Vic.	567.7	304.8	246.5	33.1	319.1	311.9	272.9	806.0	2,861.9
Qld.	453.9	127.1	139.1	(a)	476.2	152.6	214.9	278.3	1,842.1
S.A.(b)	266.5	76.9	85.7	(a)	228.2	111.0	95.5	49.8	913.7
W.A.	247.9	36.4	124.9	(a)	111.0	72.3	135.8	90.0	818.3
Tas.	95.1	10.7	18.8	(a)	2.9	12.5	28.3	7.1	175.4
N.T.	(b)	(b)	(b)	--	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
A.C.T.	65.3	25.1	7.9	--	54.7	36.2	23.7	74.4	287.3

(a) Not available separately; included in 'wholesale finance'. (b) Northern Territory included in South Australia.

FINANCE COMPANIES : OTHER TRANSACTIONS
(\$ million)

Period	<i>Leasing of business plant and equipment</i>		<i>Bills of exchange</i>			<i>Liquidity placements</i>	<i>Loans to non-finance companies in group</i>
	<i>Value of goods newly leased during period</i>	<i>Value of all leasing agreements at end of period</i>	<i>Amounts paid for bills acquired during period</i>	<i>Amounts received for bills disposed of during period</i>	<i>Balances outstanding at end of period</i>	<i>Balances outstanding at end of period</i>	<i>Balances outstanding at end of period</i>
AUSTRALIA							
1973-74	668.2	1,234.9	2,105.5	2,013.7	410.5	190.1	142.1
1974-75	586.2	1,430.0	3,578.8	3,516.0	547.8	471.2	197.9
1975-76	1,016.4	1,920.6	4,179.1	4,056.8	658.6	339.6	267.9
1975-76 -							
Apr.	82.2	1,780.8	367.0	353.8	700.0	334.9	248.1
May	105.0	1,838.0	328.2	372.0	656.4	249.1	262.0
June	125.0	1,920.6	390.5	388.1	658.6	339.6	267.9
1976-77 -							
July	100.4	1,957.3	391.3	386.2	663.8	329.2	222.1
Aug.	92.9	2,005.8	424.3	395.5	692.8	383.1	219.7
Sept.	105.0	2,073.3	393.3	416.4	670.0	398.2	252.1
Oct.	106.7	2,113.7	379.9	358.7	688.0	425.0	260.1
Nov.	115.9	2,190.2	381.6	334.9	729.8	452.9	264.5
Dec.	144.1	2,261.2	343.8	370.5	703.5	488.6	271.9
Jan.	95.4	2,328.2	341.3	333.0	724.4	508.1	227.5
Feb.	111.2	2,416.5	564.3	616.4	688.1	537.1	251.3
Mar.	134.2	2,480.4	666.9	726.6	630.5	494.5	263.8
Apr.	117.7	2,553.8	487.5	481.9	572.2	414.3	265.6
May	128.0	2,626.8	483.4	415.5	643.2	389.3	279.4
STATES - APRIL 1977							
N.S.W.	35.9	790.8					
Vic.	35.9	810.6					
Qld.	21.5	445.2					
S.A. (a)	10.2	218.8			Not available		
W.A.	10.3	202.8					
Tas.	1.6	44.4					
N.T.	(a)	(a)					
A.C.T.	2.3	41.2					
STATES - MAY 1977							
N.S.W.	40.4	809.3					
Vic.	37.6	838.2					
Qld.	20.6	452.4					
S.A. (a)	10.4	224.5			Not available		
W.A.	13.2	213.4					
Tas.	3.2	46.4					
N.T.	(a)	(a)					
A.C.T.	2.6	42.5					

(a) Northern Territory included in South Australia.

Commencing with October 1975 several changes have been made to the series on permanent building societies. These are: (i) the adoption of size criteria, and (ii) changes in definitions and data items. As a result of these changes no strict comparability exists between the two series. For further details on the break in series see the October, November and December 1975 issue of the bulletin *Housing Finance for Owner Occupation - Permanent Building Societies* (Reference No. 5.58).

PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETIES : LOANS APPROVED DURING MONTH ('000)

Period	To individuals for					Other purposes
	Construction of dwellings	Purchase of newly erected dwellings	Purchase of established dwellings	Total	Alterations and additions	
AUSTRALIA						
1975-76 -						
Apr.	13,374	14,283	61,290	88,947	1,865	3,075
May	17,629	13,050	60,137	90,816	1,806	3,651
June	13,377	14,747	54,026	82,150	1,861	4,788
1976-77 -						
July	15,987	17,716	61,808	95,511	2,088	3,092
Aug.	17,569	21,848	71,073	110,490	2,345	3,011
Sept.	18,192	23,014	87,242	128,448	2,520	5,591
Oct.	17,279	25,138	91,146	133,563	2,370	7,444
Nov.	17,369	30,897	101,940	150,206	3,023	4,792
Dec.	17,013	24,000	90,679	131,692	1,913	7,205
Jan.	14,911	20,183	76,189	111,283	1,821	4,018
Feb.	15,658	23,138	95,184	133,980	2,117	5,790
Mar.	21,149	24,646	103,833	149,628	2,202	8,597
Apr.	16,017	20,548	85,034	121,599	1,978	8,172
May	21,678	22,086	104,802	148,566	2,400	7,160
STATES - MAY 1977						
N.S.W.	9,103	9,353	54,074	72,530	808	1,526
Vic.	1,861	5,375	19,690	26,926	325	838
Qld	1,988	2,082	7,757	11,827	150	89
S.A.	398	621	4,743	5,762	405	146
W.A.	7,734	3,343	15,035	26,112	474	4,347
Tas.	285	175	2,163	2,623	111	118
A.C.T. and N.T.	309	1,137	1,340	2,786	127	96

PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETIES : SUMMARY OF MONTHLY OPERATIONS ('000)

Period	Loans advanced during month to individuals	Cancellations during month of loans previously approved to individuals	Loans approved but not advanced at end of month to individuals	Amount owing by borrowers at end of month	Paid-up share capital at end of month	Other borrowings by Societies at end of month	
						Unsecured	Secured
AUSTRALIA							
1975-76 -							
Apr.	117,431	6,800	253,908	4,001,722	3,614,272	967,157	202,301
May	108,636	5,495	232,399	4,062,524	3,663,681	956,520	199,647
June	99,886	6,128	210,447	4,116,074	3,709,341	971,305	208,054
1976-77 -							
July	88,514	5,668	215,690	4,167,472	3,826,805	1,016,146	194,820
Aug.	93,624	4,606	230,295	4,217,783	3,942,623	1,051,910	186,535
Sept.	107,200	6,129	247,934	4,279,806	4,060,128	1,090,203	184,232
Oct.	114,739	5,188	263,740	4,352,957	4,163,329	1,140,303	184,271
Nov.	127,298	6,812	282,859	4,436,152	4,272,038	1,165,620	191,830
Dec.	154,471	5,734	256,407	4,534,013	4,384,369	1,238,686	187,534
Jan.	88,589	5,403	275,352	4,594,606	4,475,971	1,275,864	187,261
Feb.	120,205	7,800	282,434	4,671,893	4,551,494	1,308,217	193,139
Mar.	138,122	8,411	289,449	4,761,217	4,532,958	1,303,991	213,771
Apr.	117,892	6,894	288,240	4,838,903	4,538,195	1,294,300	201,716
May	141,017	7,725	290,464	4,931,282	4,643,060	1,293,917	203,212
STATES - MAY 1977							
N.S.W.	62,249	3,529	159,875	1,943,083	2,509,080	13,908	56,576
Vic.	25,788	1,875	47,169	914,492	266,009	802,686	12,516
Qld	11,519	551	17,638	738,957	817,016	24,111	9,925
S.A.	7,009	204	10,702	200,875	234,572	7,182	17,010
W.A.	28,411	1,420	44,514	899,489	631,353	382,127	72,207
Tas.	2,823	73	3,955	102,781	90,299	37,150	1,714
A.C.T. and N.T.	3,218	73	6,611	131,605	94,731	26,753	33,264

LIFE INSURANCE BUSINESS : NEW POLICIES ISSUED, PREMIUMS RECEIVED AND CLAIMS, ETC., PAID

Period	New policies issued (excluding annuities) (a)						Premiums received (b)			Claims, etc. paid (c)			New loans paid over (e)
	Ordinary business		Industrial business		Superannuation business (d)		Ordinary		Superannuation (d)	Ordinary		Superannuation (d)	
	Number	Sum insured	Number	Sum insured	Number	Sum insured	Ordinary	Industrial		Ordinary	Industrial		
	'000	\$m	'000	\$m	'000	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1973-74	515.9	6,624.7	100.2	232.6	79.3	4,474.9	693.8	56.7	395.6	353.7	43.4	205.2	285.7
1974-75	492.8	7,285.6	72.7	199.4	104.0	6,233.0	743.4	57.7	512.1	468.6	48.6	258.5	279.6
1975-76	467.3	8,383.9	60.2	192.9	120.4	7,461.1	791.6	56.7	617.5	491.7	50.5	329.2	204.0
1975-76 -													
Mar.	41.1	709.7	6.4	21.1	10.7	494.9	67.7	4.9	51.2	41.6	4.5	27.2	16.0
Apr.	36.5	660.6	4.4	14.7	9.2	467.0	59.7	4.6	52.9	37.6	4.3	21.2	17.0
May	38.7	740.0	6.8	22.7	9.5	548.4	66.5	5.3	57.5	44.0	4.7	20.5	21.4
June	44.7	861.8	5.9	19.3	11.5	816.3	104.0	4.8	63.3	53.3	4.5	31.1	22.8
1976-77 -													
July	42.3	778.7	5.8	19.8	11.5	798.1	77.1	5.3	55.4	50.5	5.0	44.2	21.9
Aug.	42.7	825.3	6.5	23.5	11.3	619.5	64.7	4.8	51.6	45.7	4.9	30.2	20.7
Sept.	42.5	918.6	5.0	18.0	11.5	1,088.0	62.2	4.8	61.6	47.8	4.9	38.7	17.4
Oct.	41.2	833.9	4.4	16.8	9.6	716.7	58.4	4.1	50.0	40.1	4.9	23.2	28.7
Nov.	45.0	980.5	4.7	17.1	9.9	842.1	62.3	5.7	49.0	44.0	4.9	29.4	19.6
Dec.	40.2	1,006.9	1.7	6.2	13.2	1,105.9	63.9	7.3	51.5	45.0	3.9	34.0	23.8
Jan.	22.5	530.3	1.5	6.0	6.1	327.3	58.0	0.7	62.8	34.1	2.6	40.7	13.4
Feb.	30.9	664.6	4.0	14.2	8.2	436.4	61.4	4.2	64.1	40.6	4.2	29.7	19.3
Mar.	40.9	888.4	4.3	15.3	9.9	511.2	72.0	4.4	59.6	48.4	4.9	35.7	21.6
Apr.	33.4	760.0	3.5	13.0	7.9	450.6	61.3	5.2	60.2	39.7	4.5	32.9	25.0

(a) Relates to periods during which policies were recorded in company registers, which may be subsequent to periods in which written. (b) Includes consideration for annuities. (c) Includes claims paid on death or maturity, payments made on surrender of policies, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (d) Includes investment-linked superannuation business. (e) Excludes 'advances of premiums'.

LIFE INSURANCE BUSINESS : SELECTED ASSETS HELD IN AUSTRALIA (a) BY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES
(\$ million)

At end of	Fixed assets	Loans (b)				Investments			
		On mortgage							
		Housing	Other incl. rural	On policies	Other	Govt. securities	Local and semi-govt. securities	Debentures and notes	Shares
June 1973 (c)	1,315.6	448.0	782.6	272.4	57.0	1,718.6	666.5	714.4	1,283.5
June 1974 (c)	1,562.4	474.7	803.5	282.4	70.5	1,847.7	721.6	772.9	1,403.7
June 1975 (c)	1,818.4	491.1	840.6	284.4	80.9	1,946.9	808.1	846.2	1,406.7
1975-76 -									
Dec.	2,004.4	491.8	835.6	276.2	62.4	2,063.6	801.6	857.4	1,484.9
Mar.	2,045.3	485.3	827.5	275.8	62.2	2,108.4	848.3	883.4	1,533.0
June	2,115.3	487.6	821.3	278.9	62.7	2,108.3	861.1	936.4	1,595.1
1976-77 -									
Sept.	2,196.3	492.3	804.7	276.6	69.5	2,182.8	852.9	925.6	1,651.1
Dec.	2,300.1	494.9	808.9	277.4	65.6	2,284.3	873.5	916.5	1,711.5
Mar.	2,336.4	495.9	806.3	280.9	69.7	2,276.3	898.5	927.5	1,751.6

(a) Items shown are the balances according to the companies ledgers as at the date at which the information was supplied without adjustment for any accrued or outstanding interest or other items which had not been brought into account as at that date. (b) Excludes 'advances of premiums'. (c) Includes Papua New Guinea.

**HOUSING FINANCE : VALUE OF LOANS APPROVED TO INDIVIDUALS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR PURCHASE OF DWELLINGS,
BY TYPE OF LENDER - AUSTRALIA
(\$'000)**

Month	Banks		Building societies		Finance companies	Government		Credit unions	Insurance companies	Total
	Savings	Trading	Perman-ent	Term-inating		Housing authorities	Other			
HOUSES										
1975-76 -										
Mar.	194,691	70,171	108,120	9,603	31,553	22,002	2,374	1,750	8,420	448,684
Apr.	159,646	49,446	78,681	8,345	32,129	20,266	2,054	1,193	8,456	360,216
May	172,465	51,097	79,458	11,452	35,041	24,153	1,991	1,229	8,505	385,391
June	177,876	58,713	70,747	10,156	36,125	19,084	1,811	1,164	8,619	384,295
1976-77 -										
July	153,137	46,871	85,004	9,133	30,518	21,033	2,544	1,416	7,756	357,412
Aug.	152,370	53,341	97,728	21,822	29,470	22,828	4,124	1,387	7,803	390,873
Sept.	172,778	62,634	112,722	29,293	27,927	23,286	3,764	1,052	7,139	410,595
Oct.	163,060	55,912	118,890	20,763	26,817	19,137	3,782	1,486	6,398	416,245
Nov.	165,402	55,051	130,695	15,635	31,605	23,305	3,309	1,537	7,719	434,258
Dec.	163,303	49,779	113,500	12,586	31,228	23,486	3,018	1,527	6,896	405,323
Jan.	136,636	44,683	97,127	7,321	25,322	18,225	1,905	1,402	5,930	338,551
Feb.	156,329	47,947	117,301	11,667	30,264	20,577	3,853	1,665	8,118	397,721
Mar.	173,034	49,205	129,931	14,985	32,874	20,591	5,000	1,697	8,993	436,310
Apr.	129,140	42,106	105,752	11,146	28,175	14,527	4,452	1,231	7,172	343,701
May	151,970	42,076	128,226	9,644	30,068	18,310	4,334	1,618	8,214	394,460
OTHER DWELLINGS										
1975-76 -										
Mar.	12,309	4,911	14,505	1,154	1,675	1,338	201	179	824	37,096
Apr.	7,654	3,709	10,266	1,096	2,057	1,277	70	57	778	26,964
May	9,259	4,166	11,358	751	1,955	853	222	148	622	29,334
June	10,936	4,580	11,403	1,522	1,579	400	136	60	635	31,251
1976-77 -										
July	8,605	3,497	10,507	1,404	1,807	578	145	192	352	27,087
Aug.	10,906	4,656	12,762	1,815	1,896	817	260	130	562	33,804
Sept.	10,125	4,750	15,726	2,445	2,088	825	357	121	662	37,099
Oct.	9,300	4,425	14,423	1,959	2,097	766	190	103	296	33,559
Nov.	9,434	4,043	19,511	1,266	1,972	761	197	86	690	37,960
Dec.	9,561	3,926	18,192	909	1,591	688	105	200	472	35,644
Jan.	7,919	3,394	14,156	425	957	444	35	62	369	28,361
Feb.	8,384	3,672	16,679	1,142	1,929	710	145	183	450	33,294
Mar.	11,065	3,634	19,697	1,317	1,947	619	283	104	614	39,280
Apr.	8,497	2,749	15,847	903	1,179	281	184	112	807	30,559
May	9,799	2,854	20,340	918	3,221	604	226	107	613	38,682
TOTAL										
1975-76 -										
Mar.	207,000	75,082	122,625	10,757	33,228	23,340	2,575	1,929	9,244	485,780
Apr.	167,300	53,155	88,947	9,441	34,186	21,543	2,124	1,250	9,234	387,180
May	181,724	55,263	90,816	12,203	36,996	25,006	2,213	1,377	9,127	414,725
June	188,812	63,293	82,150	11,678	37,704	19,484	1,947	1,224	9,254	415,546
1976-77 -										
July	161,742	50,368	95,511	10,537	32,325	21,611	2,689	1,608	8,108	384,499
Aug.	163,276	57,997	110,490	23,637	31,366	23,645	4,384	1,517	8,365	424,677
Sept.	182,903	67,384	128,448	31,738	30,015	24,111	4,121	1,173	7,801	477,694
Oct.	172,360	60,337	133,313	22,722	28,914	19,903	3,972	1,589	6,694	449,804
Nov.	174,836	59,094	150,206	16,901	33,577	24,066	3,506	1,623	8,409	472,218
Dec.	172,864	53,705	131,692	13,495	32,819	24,174	3,123	1,727	7,368	440,967
Jan.	144,555	48,677	111,283	7,746	26,279	18,669	1,940	1,464	6,299	366,912
Feb.	164,713	51,619	133,980	12,809	32,193	21,287	3,998	1,848	8,568	431,015
Mar.	184,099	52,839	149,628	16,302	34,821	21,210	5,283	1,801	9,607	475,590
Apr.	137,637	44,855	121,599	12,049	29,354	14,808	4,636	1,343	7,979	374,260
May	161,769	44,930	148,566	10,562	33,287	18,914	4,560	1,725	8,827	433,142

SHORT TERM MONEY MARKET
SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF AUTHORISED DEALERS AND RATES OF INTEREST ON LOANS
(Source : Reserve Bank of Australia)

Asset holdings (face value)

Month	Liabilities to clients			Commonwealth Government securities			Commercial bills	Trading Banks certificates of deposit	Interest rates on loans accepted during months				Weighted average interest rates on loans outstanding (a)				
	All Trading Banks	Other clients	Total	Treasury notes		Other			Total	At call		For fixed periods					
				Min.	Max.					Min.	Max.						
Average of weekly figures - \$ million														per cent per annum			
June 1973	149.6	670.2	819.8	111.5	620.7	732.2	40.8	79.7	2.00	8.75	2.00	7.00	4.70				
June 1974	65.4	322.0	387.4	131.2	154.7	285.9	79.2	42.2	0.50	13.00	1.00	13.00	6.82				
June 1975	167.4	558.7	726.1	479.2	134.1	613.3	83.7	47.9	1.50	14.10	3.00	11.50	6.72				
1975-76 -																	
May	150.2	590.4	740.6	142.2	659.5	801.7	132.7	54.1	1.50	13.00	3.10	9.50	7.13				
June	182.3	636.1	818.4	53.3	696.4	749.7	129.2	61.3	2.00	14.00	4.50	9.50	8.03				
1976-77 -																	
July	198.7	650.2	848.9	20.8	742.5	763.3	109.4	69.5	1.00	13.00	2.50	9.61	7.18				
Aug.	155.8	683.2	839.0	15.3	730.5	745.8	119.4	65.3	1.25	14.50	3.00	13.00	7.76				
Sept.	156.8	720.0	876.8	93.5	659.3	752.8	128.9	49.6	1.00	13.90	2.00	11.15	7.50				
Oct.	154.7	711.6	866.3	283.2	460.1	743.3	116.6	32.8	1.00	14.50	2.50	12.60	6.92				
Nov.	203.2	728.6	931.8	460.1	361.9	822.0	121.0	27.7	2.00	14.00	3.00	11.00	7.33				
Dec. (b)	247.0	714.0	961.0	556.0	345.8	901.8	72.5	15.7	0.10	14.75	1.50	12.50	5.84				
Jan.	182.8	875.6	1,058.4	623.7	412.0	1,035.7	46.5	13.6	1.00	14.90	3.10	13.10	6.94				
Feb.	208.0	847.5	1,055.5	551.3	482.9	1,034.2	70.0	12.1	1.00	16.15	1.50	11.30	7.12				
Mar.	121.8	832.3	954.1	388.0	506.9	894.9	85.7	10.9	1.00	17.00	3.00	13.50	7.16				
Apr.	76.7	722.9	799.6	196.8	515.1	711.9	101.6	14.0	0.50	16.85	2.00	11.50	6.96				
May	150.0	640.2	790.2	129.8	580.9	710.7	124.5	18.2	0.50	17.05	2.50	12.65	8.60				
June			846.3	54.6	774.9	829.5	129.8	21.6	3.00	15.30	5.00	13.80	9.33				

(a) To June 1975, weighted average on clients' loans outstanding on each Wednesday of the month. From July 1975, weighted average of rates paid on all days of the four or five weeks ending on the last Wednesday of the month. (b) Excludes one Wednesday.

OFFICIAL RESERVE ASSETS (a)
(\$ million)

End of period	Gold	Special Drawing Rights	IMF gold tranche	Foreign exchange			Total (b)	
				US\$	Other	Total	Original	Seasonally adjusted
June 1973	220	200	143	2,064	1,619	3,684	4,248	4,150
June 1974	210	150	149	1,852	1,199	3,051	3,560	3,483
June 1975	238	89	156	2,252	758	3,010	3,493	3,420
1975-76 -								
May	240	37	155	1,398	696	2,094	2,525	2,527
June	239	37	155	1,457	688	2,145	2,576	2,522
1976-77 -								
July	238	36	154	1,570	738	2,308	2,736	2,632
Aug.	238	35	154	1,423	743	2,166	2,594	2,545
Sept.	241	36	156	1,450	750	2,199	2,632	2,561
Oct.	243	36	157	1,182	745	1,927	2,363	2,325
Nov.	293	43	189	1,267	891	2,159	2,684	2,658
Dec.	276	39	179	1,580	844	2,424	2,919	2,921
Jan.	279	39	177	1,844	837	2,681	3,174	3,301
Feb.	277	38	176	1,850	835	2,684	3,175	3,313
Mar.	276	36	175	1,680	831	2,511	2,999	3,093
Apr.	276	36	176	1,723	831	2,554	3,043	3,112
May	277	27	176	1,548	844	2,392	2,871	2,875
June	274	27	174	1,312	851	2,164	2,638	2,583

(a) Up to 30 June 1974, SDR and IMF gold tranche are valued on the basis of Australia's official parity established with the IMF; subsequent figures are based on the IMF basket valuation for the SDR, which is published in terms of U.S. dollars, crossed with the representative rate for the Australian dollar in terms of the U.S. dollar. Gold is valued at the Reserve Bank buying price up to the end of January 1976; subsequently the basis of valuation is the IMF official price in SDR converted to Australian dollars at the derived SDR/\$A rate. Since June 1973, the foreign currency value of all other overseas assets has been based, where applicable, on market quotations; accrued interest is normally taken into account; figures for earlier periods are on an historical cost basis. Conversion to Australian dollar equivalent is based on market rates of exchange. (b) Changes in the value of holdings of official reserve assets reflect both balance of payment transactions and valuation effects arising from changes in the foreign currency value of these assets and from changes in exchange rates.

COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT SHORT-TERM DEBT AND BANK BALANCES
(\$ million)

End of period	Treasury bills	Treasury notes	Bank balances	Total	End of period	Treasury bills	Treasury notes	Bank balances	Total
June -					1976-77 -				
1973	..	424.7	944.4	-519.7	Aug.	1,500.0	261.2	71.2	1,690.0
1974	..	386.9	1,424.9	-1,038.0	Sept.	2,050.0	570.2	281.7	2,338.5
1975	..	2,076.0	765.0	1,311.0	Oct.	1,850.0	1,042.7	199.9	2,692.8
1975-76 -					Nov.	2,050.0	1,266.8	171.3	3,145.5
Mar.	1,950.0	1,358.8	10.8	3,298.0	Dec.	2,100.0	2,103.0	279.8	3,923.2
Apr.	1,450.0	979.9	68.4	2,361.5	Jan.	1,750.0	2,679.1	113.1	4,316.0
May	550.0	729.8	107.3	1,172.5	Feb.	2,050.0	2,811.7	52.9	4,808.0
June	850.0	456.5	469.4	837.1	Mar.	2,300.0	2,028.9	87.4	4,241.5
July	900.0	177.8	164.2	913.6	Apr.	1,800.0	1,165.8	164.9	2,800.9
					May	1,200.0	707.6	187.1	1,720.5

COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT AND STATE FINANCE (a): CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUNDS

NOTE: This table is based on information published in monthly statements issued by the Commonwealth Treasury and each State Treasury

(\$ million)

Period	N.S.W. (b)	Vic. (c)	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Six States	Commonwealth Government
REVENUE								
1973-74	1,878.5	1,361.8	853.7	612.0	567.7	206.9	5,480.6	11,975.5
1974-75	2,452.1	1,752.2	1,112.9	789.0	734.2	268.5	7,108.9	15,399.5
1975-76	2,909.1	2,155.8	1,349.5	1,037.0	950.9	322.1	8,724.4	19,712.3
1975-76 -								
July-Mar.	2,064.0	1,468.9	982.9	756.1	680.1	238.5	6,190.5	10,879.9
July-Apr.	2,316.6	1,642.4	1,094.1	833.6	757.1	252.6	6,896.4	13,215.7
July-May	2,562.5	1,870.0	1,205.3	917.4	831.9	274.1	7,661.3	16,086.6
1976-77 -								
July-Mar.	2,457.6	1,777.2	1,197.1	867.5	839.3	290.1	7,428.7	12,794.2
July-Apr.	2,707.2	1,959.4	1,340.4	954.3	923.0	313.7	8,198.0	16,167.0
July-May	3,019.0	2,236.9	1,473.9	1,050.1	1,014.7	343.2	9,137.9	18,814.0
EXPENDITURE								
1973-74	1,895.1	1,364.4	855.2	615.4	573.4	210.1	5,513.5	11,975.5
1974-75	2,492.6	1,767.3	1,121.2	780.6	743.4	282.1	7,187.2	15,399.5
1975-76	2,910.1	2,143.7	1,348.8	1,034.7	950.3	317.9	8,705.5	19,712.3
1975-76 -								
July-Mar.	2,022.1	1,500.6	938.7	703.4	662.4	239.8	6,066.9	15,176.7
July-Apr.	2,317.3	1,697.6	1,060.0	789.1	745.7	263.2	6,872.9	16,736.6
July-May	2,910.1	2,143.7	1,348.8	1,034.7	950.3	317.9	8,705.5	19,712.3
1976-77 -								
July-Mar.	2,346.8	1,779.0	1,149.7	830.4	803.3	291.9	7,201.1	16,201.6
July-Apr.	2,620.0	1,993.5	1,281.5	920.2	890.1	320.6	8,025.9	17,962.4
July-May	2,973.5	2,200.8	1,423.6	1,023.0	990.6	358.6	8,970.0	19,750.6

(a) Aggregates for the six States and the Commonwealth Government together, as obtained from particulars in this table, contain duplications due to State payments to the Commonwealth Government in respect of payroll tax before October 1971 and Commonwealth Government payments to the States of grants for specific and general purposes. (b) Figures for New South Wales represent combined transactions of consolidated revenue fund and trading enterprises (Public Transport Commission and Maritime Services Board) included in annual Budget papers. Adjustments have been made to exclude duplications. (c) Figures for Victoria cover the Victorian Consolidated Revenue Fund excluding the Works and Services section.